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At the Annual General Meeting of the BANNATYNE CLUB, held in the Hall of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, on Monday the 1st of December 1851—

The PRESIDENT stated to the Meeting, that the Collection of Ancient Charters relating to the Earldom of Morton, accompanied with a Series of Original Letters and Papers from the Archives of the Earls of Morton, was now nearly completed, and might be expected as one of the Works printed for the use of the Members at the expense of the Club for the following year.

This Collection having been printed under the Superintendence of THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, with the assistance of the late MR. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, one of the Members, the Meeting, while expressing their obligations to the President for the great care he has bestowed upon this Work, RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Club are due to the RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF MORTON for the use of the Original Documents from which the Collection has been formed.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the BANNATYNE CLUB, held on Monday the 21st of February 1853—

The SECRETARY reported to the Meeting the arrangements made since the decease of THOMAS THOMSON, ESQ., PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, in regard to the Series of MORTON PAPERS; and stated, that for the purpose of completing the Work with a suitable Preface, MR. INNES had obtained from the EARL OF MORTON the old Chartulary of Morton, and other important documents.

The Committee were of opinion that the plan originally contemplated of issuing the Work in two distinct volumes, although of unequal size, should be adhered to; the more modern portion to accompany the prefatory matter; and authorized the Work to be completed in the manner proposed, and circulated among the Members with all convenient speed.

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PREFACE.

The Register of the more Ancient Writs of the Douglases of Dalkeith, Earls of Morton, which is probably the oldest Chartulary of lay possessions in Scotland, consists of two parts; the older written soon after the middle of the fourteenth century, and the latter about its close.[1] Together, they contain about three hundred charters.

Such a collection of the records of an historical family early attracted the attention of the late lamented President of the

[1] The older contains forty leaves of vellum of a small folio size, exceedingly stained and defaced, so as to be in many places wholly illegible even where the vellum is entire. The table of its contents enumerates one hundred and six charters, of which twenty-five are wanting.

The latter portion contains ninety-one written leaves of vellum somewhat larger in size, and in a hand perhaps a little later, but the greater part written before the end of the fourteenth century. This numbering, however, includes a second table of contents of more modern writing than the original one, and a fasciculus of twelve leaves of a handwriting of the following century. The older table of contents of this part enumerates two hundred and six charters, the later one, which includes the fasciculus of later date, gives two hundred and twenty. This part, which still contains all that are given in these tables, with the exception of five charters at the end of the modern fasciculus, is on the whole tolerably legible throughout.

Bannatyne Club, and he devoted some part of his time for several years to superintending the arrangement and printing of the present volume, which is chiefly derived from that source, with the addition, however, of some original documents from the Charter-room at Dalmahoy. Mr. Thomson intended to accompany the collection with a dissertation on the pedigree of this branch of the illustrious house of Douglas; but increasing years and infirmities prevented his fulfilling that intention; and nothing has been found among his papers to indicate the plan or views of the Editor. By a double fatality, the premature death of the excellent Mr. Alexander Macdonald, who had assisted Mr. Thomson in the work, has shut us out from all knowledge of Mr. Thomson's communications with him, and left us to guess at the method and purpose of the following collection from the sheets as they stand printed. Owing to this cause, there are omissions not easily accounted for, and in a few instances, papers inserted without much apparent utility; but the general plan of the work is sufficiently simple.

While the charters are printed faithfully from the Chartulary or the charters themselves, preserving even the abbreviations of the original, the order has been changed, and they are now nearly, if not quite, in chronological arrangement, a matter which has not been at all attended to in the original record. After the whole contents of the Chartulary, there are added a charter of Sir James of Douglas Lord of Dalkeith in 1406, founding six chaplainries in the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of

the family in a certain Theobald the Fleming, who had a grant of land on the Douglas Water, from Arnold, Abbot of Kelso, in the middle of the twelfth century.[1] It has been shewn elsewhere, that that was not the original land of the Douglas family, although upon the bank of the same river, and that there is no proof nor any probability of William of Douglas of the twelfth century, the undoubted ancestor of the family, being descended of the Fleming, who settled on the opposite side of his native valley.[2] These Charters correct another mistake of the author of Caledonia, who says, that no person of the first six descents of the Douglases had obtained one grant from the Crown—ascribing their rise to greatness solely to the services of the 'good Sir James.'[3] The ancestry of the first William of Douglas, indeed, is not to be found in a Scotch Charter-chest. Like the other knightly and baronial families of the Lowlands, he probably drew his origin from some Norman or Saxon colonist, who in that age of immigration and fluctuating surnames, sunk his previous style, perhaps some changing patronymic, like those of the ancestors of the Stuarts and of the Hamiltons; little dreaming how illustrious was to become the name which he adopted from his settlement on the bank of the Douglas Water.

William of Douglas, who is known at the conclusion of the

[1] Caledonia, i. 579.

[2] Regist. de Calchou, Preface, pp. xxvii., xxviii.; Sir W. Scott, note to 'The Monastery,' chap. xxxvii. (Waverley Novels, vol. x. pp. 472, 473. Library edit., 1853.)

[3] Caledonia, p. 584. It can be shown that, in the year 1296, William of Douglas, the father of 'the good Sir James,' beside his fief in Douglasdale, and the manor in Northumberland, held lands in six Scotch counties—Fife, Edinburgh, Berwick, Wigtown, Dumfries, and Ayr. (Rotuli Scotiæ, vol. i. p. 24.)

twelfth century, and who appears as a person of some consequence during the whole reign of William the Lion, had six sons—Erkenbald or Archibald, his heir; Bricius, a churchman, prior of Lesmahago,[1] who in the year 1203 was preferred to the great Bishopric of Moray; and four others, who seem to have been provided for out of their brother's northern benefice.

Erkenbald of Douglas is found witnessing charters before the end of the twelfth century, and is known in transactions as late as 1228. This personage attained the dignity of knighthood, and acquired lands beyond the original territory in Douglasdale.[2]

Several of the Charters of our Register, which appear to have been accidentally omitted in printing it, throw light upon these earlier generations of the family, even before it had become historically illustrious. Thus, early in the thirteenth century, Malcolm Earl of Fife granted to Archibald of Douglas, son of William of Douglas, the land of Levingston and the land of Hirdmanston, both formerly held by William of Kilmaron; and King Alexander II. confirmed that Charter before the year 1226.[3] It is remarkable that, although the family had been for a century before in possession of the lands from whence they derived their name, there is no charter evidence of any earlier property held by them than these grants of Levingston and

[1] Lesmahago was a cell of Kelso, and Bricius and his brother Hugo seem to have been monks of that great abbey. (*Liber Vitae Eccl. Dunelm.*, p. 95.)

[2] The authorities for these descents are cited in the 'Origines Parochiales Scotiæ' under the parish of Douglas.

[3] Appendix to Preface, Nos. 1 and 2.

Hirdmanston.[1] One of the witnesses to the Earl of Fife's Charter, Freskin, Dean of Moray, marks the early connexion of the Douglases with that diocese, to which they had already given a bishop, and perhaps also with that great family of the north, the De Moravias, with whom they had arms in common, and of whom old Wyntoun says,—

> Of Murrawe and the Dowglas,
> How that thare begynnyng was,
> Syn syndry men spekis syndryly
> I can put that in na story.
> Bot in thare armeys bath thai bere
> The sternys set in lyk manere,
> Til mony men it is yhit sene,
> Apperand lyk that thai had bene
> Of kyn be descens lyneale
> Or be branchys collaterale.

The next Sir William of Douglas was probably the son of Sir Archibald, but this step of the pedigree is not proved otherwise than by his inheriting the family lands. He lived till about 1276.

It is hardly on better evidence that it is asserted that Andrew, the founder of the House of Dalkeith and Morton, was brother of this Sir William, and consequently son of Sir Archibald of Douglas, Lord of Douglas,[2] or that Sir James, who had Charters

[1] Setting aside the authority of Boece and his fabulous Parliament at Forfar in 1061, which was attended by "Gulielmus a Douglas"—the first transaction of any one of the family or name of Douglas recorded by Godscroft, is the marriage of Hugh Douglas, the son of William, with Marjory Abernethie, sister of Hugh Lord of Abernethie, in 1259. This historian may be trusted where he quotes documents. He describes the contract of marriage 'which the Earles of Angus have yet extant.'—*Home of Godscroft*, p. 12.

[2] The fact seems to rest upon their occurrence together as witnesses to a Charter in

dington, Whittingham, and a territory perhaps not so tangible in the Isle of Man, but also by Royal grant for her life, '*pro apparatu et amictu ipsius,*' the incredible sum of 1000 marks a-year, to be levied out of the customs of Aberdeen and Haddington.[1] Hitherto the family had taken their designation from their Castle of Dalkeith, or from Liddesdale, though sometimes styled popularly 'of Lothian;' but a grant from his brother-in-law George Earl of Dunbar, of the lands of Morton in Nithsdale, eventually changed their style and title.[2]

The marriage of the daughter of Sir James of Douglas with Sir John of Hamilton, Lord of Cadyhow, was arranged by an indenture of 1st November 1388, the original of which, still preserved at Dalmahoy, is so curious in its provisions that it has been thought proper to print it in the Appendix to this Preface.[3] The seal appended gives the earliest coat armour that is known of any of the name of Hamilton.[4]

Sir James of Douglas shewed his munificence to the Church during his life as well as in his latter will. Dalkeith was not then an independent parish, but part of the parish of Lasswade. Besides endowing a chapel in his castle of Dalkeith, dedicated to the Virgin and Saint John the Baptist in 1377, he founded and endowed a chaplainry in honour of Saint Nicholas in a chapel, which previously existed at the village, dedicated to the same Saint. This chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith

[1] Vol. ii. No. 108. [2] Vol. ii. No. 100.

[3] Appendix to the Preface, No. 9.

[4] An earlier seal is described by T. Innes as extant in his time in the Scots College at Paris. It was of David Hamilton, in 1361, and Innes blazons it, *Super scuto tria quinquefolia.—Regist. Episcop. Glasg., Vol. I., Tabula, p. cxxxii., No.* 297, *note i.*

grew by his bounty, till in 1406 it acquired the shape of a Collegiate Church for a Provost and five chaplains with manses and full establishment, the stipends provided out of his lands.[1] It was not till a century after the first endowment of Sir James's chaplains, that his descendant James first Earl of Morton completed the establishment of the Collegiate Church of Dalkeith, by adding three canons endowed with the tithes of three parishes, of Newlands, Kilbucho, and Mordington.[2]

Undoubtedly the most interesting documents of this collection are the two wills of Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith, 30th September 1390, and 19th September 1392, the oldest wills of any Scotchman known to be extant.[3] Commending his soul to God, and the blessed Virgin, and all saints, he gave his body to be buried in the Monastery of Newbotle, beside his first wife Agnes. He appointed Archibald Earl of Douglas, and Sir Henry of Douglas, his uncle, to be guardians of his heir. He gave the half of all his free goods for his funeral, and for masses and alms for the weal of his soul; also his best horse and his arms as a funeral offering to the vicar of Lasswade. He left to James his son and heir, helmet and full arms for tilting,[4] and his best jack

[1] The curious and valuable deed the 'magna carta' of the College is not preserved either in the Chartulary, or among the original writs at Dalmahoy. It is printed from the original preserved in the charter-chest of Kilsyth, Vol. ii. No. 278.

[2] Vol. ii. No. 230.

[3] Vol. ii. Nos. 193, 196. These were previously printed in the second volume of the Bannatyne Miscellany. A much older will, that of Saint Gilbert de Moravia, Bishop of Caithness, is said to have been extant in 1636; but it is now unhappily lost.—*Sir R. Gordon's History of Sutherland.*

[4] Along with his tilting arms he bequeaths 'unum rethe quod fuit in bombicinio meo'—perhaps the silk dress worn over arms in the tilt-yard.

and tusches, with his second best horse—an owche with a ruby in the middle, a ring *de columna Christi*, and a cross made of the true cross—*super quam pendebat Jesus*—a relic of the hair of Mary Magdalene enclosed in silver, a circlet of gold, and a great counterfilet of gold, a silver basin with a cover, weighing £15, 3s. 8d., his best gilt cup, weighing £18, 2s. His best ring with a sapphire, which was his lady mother's, and which she gave him with her blessing, he left also to his heir with his cordial blessing. He left him also a large quantity of silver-plate, dishes, chargers, and cups; his best bed; all his books, both those of the Statutes of the kingdom of Scotland and those of romance. He left to his daughter Jacoba, a circlet of gold of forty marks price; to his son John Douglas of Aberdour, all his books of grammar and logic, and ten pounds yearly until he should be provided in ten pounds' worth of land. He specially requested that the books he had borrowed might be returned to their owners. He bequeathed to the Earl of March, his brother-in-law, a ring with a ruby; to his son James his second best belt, a pair of plates and the rest of a suit of armour *pro hastiludio de guerra;* to his brothers William and Nicholas, each a suit of armour; and to the former twenty marks sterling, and to the latter ten marks yearly. The rest of his arms he ordered to remain perpetually in his Castle of Dalkeith. He bequeathed to John de Livingston a ring with a Saint Christopher; a chalice and missal to the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith; a small sum for the support of the fabric of Saint Andrews; a jewel of Saint John of the price of forty marks to the Church of New-

nieces, the two daughters of Philip of Arbuthnot. He gave £20 for repairing and roofing the Chapel of Saint Nicholas, and vestments to each of the Churches of Lasswade, Newlands, and Saint Fulan of Aberdour. He gave up to Robert de Livingston his maritage, which he had by gift of the King. He bequeathed to Egidia, his wife, a jewel which she had given him, *dum tamen de jocalibus ulterius non querat.* By his second will, he gave the residue of his goods, after debts and legacies, to the building and adorning of the Chapel of Saint Nicholas of Dalkeith. Sir James long survived these testaments, and died in 1420.[1]

The alliances of this princely person were as high as Scotland afforded. His first wife (beside whom he desired to be buried in the Abbey of Newbotil) was Agnes, a daughter of the house of Dunbar; and it is doubtful if he thought he married more nobly when he took for his second, the Lady Giles Stuart, the sister of King Robert II. His eldest son he married to Elizabeth Stuart, the third daughter of Robert III. It may serve to show how little mere titles of honour were as yet coveted in Scotland that this family, so great in wealth and connexions, did not receive the dignity of Earl till James, his great grandson, having married Johan, the third daughter of King James I., was created Earl of Morton, in Parliament 14th March 1457.[2]

[1] Fordun, xv. 32. He died of a very fatal epidemic, which the Faculty attributed to the badness of the seasons. It was called by our forefathers the *Quhew*. In our day it would have been named *influenza*.

[2] The style was declared to be derived from the lands of Morton in Caldercler, the lands of Morton in Nithsdale having gone to his uncle Sir William.

which is necessarily by its date confined to the charters and transactions of the Earls of the first race.

One uninitiated in the exciting pursuit of charter antiquities cannot readily appreciate the interest with which the zealous investigator searches through a charter-room like that of Dalmahoy. As each massive old chest is approached, and one after another the bolts and locks, with all their quaint devices for puzzling the stranger, give way, and as one after another he opens the little oak drawers, and lets in the light upon their sleep of centuries, he is in constant hope of some important revelation. That small charter no bigger than a man's hand may remove the mystery which shrouds the origin of the race —may tell us from what chateau of Normandy or from what English grange came the ancestors of the Scotch heroes—who was 'the first mean man that did by his virtue raise himself above the vulgar.' Even when that expectation is disappointed, the search is not fruitless. The venerable chartulary gives the precision of record to the lives and actions of one branch of the most illustrious family in Scotland. Every chest yields something to gratify curiosity; to fill up a gap in genealogy; to correct the blunders of heralds; to throw light upon the tenure and descent of lands; the correspondence of those who could write, and documents for shewing the relations of the various classes of society. It is from such materials that our domestic annals are to be written, and the public history of the country is yet to receive its truest as well as its most characteristic colouring.

However the loss of the early Douglas charters is to be

accounted for, the family of Morton have been careful preservers of theirs. Besides the Chartulary written 'book-ways,' there are found in a little black 'coffer' a number of narrow vellum rolls of about the same age,[1] some containing lists of charters and title-deeds of all sorts, with reference to their places of deposit, but unfortunately (like the table prefixed to our Chartulary) without dates. One consists of a rental of part of the Morton possessions for the years 1376-8—valuable not only for the local antiquary, but as perhaps the earliest rental of lay lands in Scotland. It is printed at length.[2]

The house of Lochleven followed the example of their cousins of Dalkeith, and the charter-room at Dalmahoy, which now combines the united collections of both families, shews many marks of care both in preserving and transcribing their ancient muniments.

There is a carefully written 'Registrum evidentiarum dominorum de Lochlevin' compiled in 1573, which commences with the first charter of Henry of Lugton and Lochleven; as well as several bundles of original writs on parchment inartificially stitched together, and some similar *fasciculi* of transcripts of originals by the family notary.[3]

Although our forefathers began to use their vernacular tongue

[1] One of these Rolls begins—'ROTULUS AD DOCENDUM UBI LITERE DOMINI INVENIENTUR. *Imprimis in uno magno schotyll cum uno W. et una cruce super le lyd—In prima capsa,*' &c.; and then the rest are described as '*in uno cofino,*' or '*in secunda capsa,*' and sometimes in Scotch thus: 'In the thred schotill of the elder cofyne.'

[2] Appendix to the Preface, No. 16.

[3] It is from one of these that the letter of James I., charging the Laird of Lochlevin to enter himself as one of the hostages for the King's ransom, is printed in the Appendix to the Preface, (No. 13.) The notary transcriber has given it the following title, shewing his understanding of such mandates. 'The transumpt of ane vreting send be the Kingis grace to umquhil Robert Douglas *for ryding of ane raid to Ingland!*'

in law and business documents about the end of the fourteenth century, letters of correspondence are hardly met with in Scotch repositories till the sixteenth. Even to the end of the latter century they are incredibly meagre and unsatisfactory. The writers are evidently suspicious not only of the channels of communication, but frequently of their correspondents, whom it might be unsafe to trust with any frank expression of opinion *in writing*. Hence the constant practice in those times of accrediting the bearer to make those revelations which were not to be confided to paper. Another reason, it must be owned, impeded free communication by letter. Although education made a rapid stride just after the Reformation, and it was no longer necessary to enforce the old Statute which obliged barons of substance to put their eldest sons to the schools, yet it cannot be said that the classes of nobility and gentry were generally imbued with literature, and the greater number wrote as if they knew neither their own nor any other language grammatically. Many churchmen, indeed, before the Reformation, were accomplished in all kinds of learning. Public libraries had been established, and a few distinguished laymen had already begun to form private collections of books.[1] But

[1] Some of these are still known to the curious by their book-stamps, which were then impressed on the outside of the binding. Schives, Archbishop of St. Andrews, had his books so distinguished before the end of the fifteenth century. It has been seen that Sir James Douglas of Dalkeith counted his books among his valuables, even before the end of the fourteenth century; and his manuscripts, whether of the laws of the realm or of romance, would now be beyond price. Even after printing had brought books within the reach of moderate fortunes, we still find MS. copies in old libraries; indeed, the greater number of our Law collections continued to be in writing subsequent to the introduction of printing even in Scotland; and manuscript copies of the ponderous romances of the sixteenth century, (with variations by the transcriber,) are still found at Taymouth and in other old collections.

Parliament in reply to the Queen's opening speech—something akin to those now formalised in the British Parliament at moving the address on the 'Queen's speech.' We may conjecture, with tolerable confidence, that it was used by Morton while Chancellor, or when acting as such before his formal appointment to the office; and its terms seem to point to that Parliament which sat on the 26th May 1563, 'On which day the Queen came to it in her robes and crowned—the Duke carrying the crown, Argyll the sceptre, and Murray the sword,' when 'she made in English an oration publiquely there.'[1]

'Sen it hes plesit the Quenis Maiestie to mak her awin declaratioun of the grete zele and lufe hir Maiestie hes borne towartis this hir natiue countre and ws hir Hienes liegis and subiectis

'On the vther part it is our bundin dewtie to gif vnto God most hartlie thankis that hes gevin vnto ws sic ane lufing prynces to ring our ws

'Quairfoir we aucht to endevoir oure selffis maist ernestlie to set fordwart all sic thingis as may be to the avancement of hir Maiesties estait honour and dignetie

'And that in sic sort as may be to the glorie of God hir Hienes honour and obedyence to the mantenance and quyeting of this our commoun veill and countre

'And becaus thair is grete and wechtie materis to be tretit in this parliament it salbe best that we proceid to the begynning thairof

[1] Randolph to Cecil. The speech may, however, have been made in the Parliament of December 1564.

have the first place in Council. Nothing in the order of the Privy Council is so remarkable, however, as the names of the lords by whom it was passed. Athol, Argyll, and all the courtiers who here did him honour felt no scruple in pursuing him to the death two years later.[1]

But the greater number of the documents composing the present volume are from the repositories of Lochleven.

The letter from James Stewart (afterwards Regent) to his mother,[2] has reference to an event in his life not generally known. He had entered into a contract of marriage with Christian, in her own right Countess of Buchan, while the lady was still an infant. The contract did not take effect; and she married his uterine brother Robert Douglas. Mr. Chalmers, whom it suits to throw all blame on Murray, has used very hard words in describing that transaction,[3] with which he was but imperfectly acquainted. The indignation of this letter seems genuine, and it certainly leaves the impression that others were more to blame than Murray in the misfortunes of the Countess of Buchan.

The 'Act for sequestrating the Queen's person,'[4] though it has been published before, with a fac-simile,[5] is yet properly included here, both as the original is preserved in the Charter-room at Dalmahoy, and as connected with the most interesting events of the family and castle of Lochleven.

The letter of Knox[6]—one of the few letters of correspondence of the Scotch Reformer that have been preserved—was probably

[1] The characteristic portrait of the Regent Morton, at Dalmahoy, has been engraved for Lodge. It is now in bad condition.

[2] Vol. i. No. 13, p. 9.

[3] Life of Queen Mary, vol. iii. pp. 126, 135, &c.

[4] Vol. i. No. 26, p. 24.

[5] Miscel. of Maitland Club, vol. i. p. 250.

[6] Vol. i. No. 49, p. 52.

written after the visitation under which he suffered in October 1570, and from which he only partially recovered. He was not in the habit of refusing his active aid in such matters as this letter refers to; but now he declines to interfere 'in that and all other cases worldly, for I have tacken my gude nycht of it.'

The Countess of Northumberland's letter[1] to her husband relates to another unhappy prisoner of Lochleven. The Lady's anticipations were too sadly verified, when, to the shame of Scotland, no less than of the Laird of Lochleven, the noble fugitive was 'delivered to the shambles.'

Several documents regarding the warding of the Laird of Lochleven, and his liberation from durance, are explained by documents at Dalmahoy, not printed. There are two Remissions under the Great Seal to William Douglas of Lochleven and to Robert Douglas 'fear' of Lochleven, for their share in the *Raid of Ruthven*—'pro arte, parte captivitatis et detentionis nostre persone &c. in loco de Ruthwen mense Augusti 1582.'[2]

Before concluding, it must be observed that several of the dates of the deeds in the Chartulary are erroneous, evidently through the carelessness of the engrossing scribe,[3] and it may

[1] Vol. i. No. 76.

[2] Dated respectively 29 Nov. and 27 Dec. 1583.

[3] Vol. ii. Nos. 14, 15, and 31. Thus, No. 15 is dated in the *second* year of the King's reign, (A.D. 1307,) but, as it evidently follows the grant of No. 16, dated in the tenth of the reign, (A.D. 1315,) its proper date is apparently the twelfth, A.D. 1317, (the scribe having apparently overlooked the numeral x of the regnal year.) In No. 31 of vol. ii. the date is the Vigil of Saint Mathias, (*Sancti Mathie*,) A.D. 1323—the 23d of Feb. 1324—a mistake of the scribe for the Vigil of Saint Mathew (*Sancti Mathei*)—the 20th of Sept., A.D. 1323—as is proved by the confirmation of King Robert I., (Vol. ii. No. 15,) dated on the 23d of the same month. That confirmation, however, is itself misdated, being given according to the Chartulary in the *eighth* year of the King's reign, (A.D. 1313,) instead of the eighteenth, (A.D. 1323,) the *decimo* being again omitted.

be allowed, for the benefit of future investigators, to mention that a great number of deeds contained in the Chartulary are not printed in the text. Such of these omitted deeds as seemed peculiarly to illustrate the Douglas family history, or to be of general importance or interest, are added in the Appendix to the Preface. The local antiquary will be well pleased to find along with the rentals of 1376, so useful for rural antiquities, ancient and minute Extents of Liddesdale, divided into its 'quarters,' and of the baronies of Stabilgorton and Watstirker. (Appendix, 17, 18, 19.)

On the last leaf of the venerable little Chartulary is a note of family jewels, which enumerates ten 'chenyeis of perllis,' with a great jewel in the middle of them, of which a representation is thus scratched

summing them up as follows:

'The sowm of all the perllis into x werkis of chenyeis is xxxix^{xx} (thirty-nine score) and a perll,' apparently exclusive of a quantity 'deliuerit to Dam Jamys to the wyrkyng of the chaplet.'

C. INNES.

POSTSCRIPT.

Among the Harleian Manuscripts, in the British Museum, there are twelve small volumes in octavo bound in two, containing Notes of the Morton Charters and Papers, for the purpose of illustrating the Genealogical History of the Family. They are not so described in the Catalogue, (*MSS. Harl.*, No. 6432-6443,) but they were compiled, it is believed, by David Symson, M.A., "that great Antiquary," and "Historiographer Royal for Scotland," as he is styled on the title-page of his "Genealogical and Historical Account of the illustrious Name of Stuart." Edinburgh, 1712, 8vo.

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APPENDIX.

Carta Malcolmi de Fyffe comitis facta Archibaldo [de Douglas filio] Willelmi de Douglas terrarum de Hyrdmanſtoun ·

1 Comes Malcolmus de Fyffe omnibus amicis ſuis et hominibus [preſens ſcriptum viſuris vel] audituris ſalutem · Sciant preſentes et futuri me dediſſe et conceſſiſſe et hac [preſenti] carta confirmaſſe Archebaldo de Douglas filio Willelmi de Douglas totam terram meam de Levingſtoun quam Willelmus de Kilmaron de me tenuit et totam terram meam de Hirmanſtoun quam idem Willelmus de me tenuit per rectas diuiſas ſuas et cum omnibus juſtis pertinenciis ſuis · Tenendas ſibi et heredibus ſuis de me et heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate in boſco et plano in [pratis et] paſcuis in moris et marreſiis in ſtagnis et molendinis et in omnibus aliis ayſiamentis ad predictas terras juſte pertinentibus adeo libere quiete plenarie et honorifice ſicut aliquis miles in toto regno Scocie feudum ſuum de comite uel barone liberius et quietius plenius et honorificentius tenet et poſſidet pro ſeruicio dimidii militis · Teſtibus Dauid fratre meo · Alexandro de Blare · Alano de Haus . . . . Elia filio Odonis · Adam Gormond · Michel filio [Maliton] · Johanne filio comitis de Marr · Merleſwyne filio comitis de Buchane · Ricardo Corbet · [Rogero] de Berclaye · Willelmo de Coggiſſale · Friſkyne decano Morauienſi · [Andrea de] Morau[ia] · Waltero Greg · Alano capellano · Hugone et Willelmo clericis · et multis aliis ·

Confirmacio regis Alexandri de Levyngſtoun et Hirdmanſtoun ·

2 Alexander Dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre ſue clericis et laicis ſalutem · Sciant preſentes et futuri me conceſſiſſe et hac carta mea confirmaſſe donacionem illam quam comes Malcolmus de Fyffe fecit Arkebaldo de Dufglas de tota terra de Levin[gſtoun] quam Willelmus de Kilmaron de eodem comite Malcolmo tenuit et de tota terra de Hirdmaneſtoun quam idem Willelmus de prediꝛto comite Malcolmo tenuit · Tenendas ſibi et heredibus ſuis de prediꝛto comite Malcolmo et heredibus ſuis per reꝛtas diuiſas ſuas cum omnibus juſtis pertinenciis ſuis ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice ſicut carta prediꝛti comitis Malcolmi prediꝛto Arkebaldo inde faꝛta teſtatur · ſaluo ſeruicio meo · Teſtibus Willelmo de Boſcho cancellario meo · Ada et Roberto capellanis meis · Alexandro vicecomite de Striueline · Johanne de Haya · Thoma de Striueline clerico cancellarie · Apud Striueline [xix] die Aprilis ·

[Carta Alexandri II. data P. comiti de Dunbar ·]

3 ALEXANDER dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius . . . . ſalutem · Sciant preſentes et futuri nos in eſcambium terre de Trecquer quam . . . . noſtram contuleramus Patricio comiti de Dunbar nepoti noſtro . . . . carta noſtra confirmaſſe eidem Patricio comiti / pro homagio et ſeruitio / . . . . Dundaf et de Strathkawan que fuerunt foreſta noſtra · Tenendas et habendas Patricio comiti et heredibus ſuis et ſuis aſſignatis de nobis et heredibus noſtris in feodo et hereditate per reꝛtas diuiſas ſuas et cum omnibus iuſtis pertinenciis . . . . et plano terris et aquis in pratis et paſcuis in moris et marreſeis in paſturis et molendinis cum ſacco et ſocca cum furca et foſſa cum tol . . . . et cum omnibus aliis ad diꝛtas terras pertinentibus libere quiete bene et honorifice per ſerui-

tium tertie partis vnius militis · Conceſſimus etiam dicto Patricio ut ipſe et heredes ſui et ſui aſſignati habeant dictas terras de nobis et heredibus noſtris in liberum foreſtum adeo libere et quiete ſicut aliquis aliquam terram tenet in libero foreſto in toto regno noſtro / quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis dictum Patricium aut heredes ſuos uel ſuos aſſignatos moleſtare aut terram noſtram et libertates eidem ſuper hoc conceſſas injuſte vexare preſumat ſuper noſtram plenariam foriſfacturam decem librarum · Teſtibus Waltero filio Alani Juſticiario Scotie · Waltero Cumyn comite de Menteith comite . . . . Katanay . . . . Waltero filio Alexandri · Waltero Olifard juſticiario Laodonie . Alano hoſtiario · Waltero Byſet · Apud Kenmore ſeptimo die Julii anno . . . regis viceſimo primo ·

[Carta de Langneutoun abbreviata ·]

4 Omnibus . . . . Alanus Seneſcallus miles dominus de Vghtiltre ſalutem · . . . Sciatis me de conſenſu et aſſenſu Johannis Seneſcalli filii mei et heredis dediſſe . . . . dilecto et ſpeciali meo domino Henrico de Douglas militi pro conſilio et auxilio ſuo mihi et predicto filio meo multipliciter impenſis totam terram meam de Langneutoun cum pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Roxburgh Tenendam . . . . domino Henrico . . . . de me . . . . in feodo et hereditate inperpetuum . . . . Faciendo inde . . . . domino ſuperiori ſeruicium debitum et conſuetum Et reddendo mihi et heredibus meis ſingulis annis vnum denarium tantum nomine albe firme apud Langneutoun in feſto Natiuitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiſte ſi petatur . . . . In cuius rei teſtimonium huic . . . . carte ſigillum meum eſt appenſum Hiis teſtibus domino Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalketh · domino Willelmo de Douglas fratre eius · domino Johanne de Edmundiſtoun · domino Roberto Seneſcalli de Innermeth · militibus · Jacobo de Douglas de Strabrok · Johanne de Glene · Adam Forſtar · et Andrea de Ormyſtoun · cum multis aliis ·

[Carta de eodem abbreviata ·]

5 Omnibus . . . . Alanus Senefcalli dominus de Vghtiltre falutem . . . . Sciatis me · · · · dediffe . . . . domino Henrico de Douglas militi . . . . terram meam de Langnewtoun . . . . et illas centum folidatas terre vna cum toftis et croftis que iacent inter parietes quondam Hugonis Gamyl ex parte orientali et le Buly Rod ex parte occidentali in villa et territorio de Langnewtoun predictis . . . . que prius fuerunt Johannis Bane et que idem Johannes . . . . mihi . . . . refignavit ac . . . . quiete clamauit inperpetuum · Tenendas . . . . in feodo et hereditate . . . . Faciendo inde . . . . fuperiori domino feruicium debitum et confuetum et reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis fingulis annis vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme apud Langnewtoun ad feftum Natiuitatis Beati Johannis Baptifte fi petatur tantum . . . . In cuius rei teftimonium figillum meum prefentibus eft appenfum · Teftibus nobilibus viris dominis Roberto Senefcalli fratre meo · Willelmo de Douglas · Johanne Senefcalli filio meo · militibus · Jacobo de Douglas de Strabrok Alexandro de Cokburne · Thoma de Douglas · et pluribus aliis ·

[Preceptum Safine ·]

6 Alanus Senefcalli miles dominus de Vghtiltre . . . . Johanni Senefcalli militi filio noftro Roberto de Leuyngiftoune [et] Nicholao de Douglas falutem Quia dedimus . . . . domino Henrico de Douglas militi . . . . terram . . . . de Langnewtoune . . . . vobis . . . . mandamus quatenus . . . . indilate predicto domino Henrico vel . . . . actornato . . . . fayfinam . . . . de dicta terra . . . . liberetis iuxta tenorem carte mee . . . . ad quod faciendum vobis . . . . poteftatem . . . . concedimus . . . . ratum . . . . habentes . . . . quicquid vos vel vnus veftrum in liberatione dicte fayfine . . . . duxerit faciendum In cuius rei teftimonium figillum noftrum prefentibus eft appenfum · Scriptum die Sabbati vicefimo die menfis Junii anno Domini millefimo ccc^mo^ feptuagefimo feptimo ·

[Obligatio Alani Senefcalli ·]

7 Omnibus .... Alanus Senefcalli miles dominus de Vghtiltre falutem Quia infeodaui .... dominum Henricum de Douglas militem de .... terra .... in villa et territorio de Langneutoun .... pro fe et heredibus fuis Volo et concedo ac per prefentes fide media me obligo quod quandocunque contingat dictam terram .... a predicto domino Henrico vel heredibus fuis per proceffum iuris recuperari ego et heredes mei predicto domino Henrico vel heredibus fuis infra annum immediate fequentem ad duos terminos vfuales ducentas libras fterlingorum proportionaliter perfoluemus apud monafterium de Neubotle .... Et ad maiorem huius rei fecuritatem inueni Johannem Senefcalli filium meum et heredem fideiuffor em meum et principalem debitorem qui fe obligat ad folucionem predictam .... ficut ego fum fuperius obligatus In cuius rei teftimonium figillum meum vna cum figillo filii et heredis mei predicti prefentibus eft appenfum Apud Edynburgh vicefimo fexto die menfis Junii anno Domini millefimo trecentefimo feptuagefimo feptimo ·

[Carta xx librarum annuatim Henrico de Douglas ·]

8 Robertus dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre fue clericis et laycis salutem · Sciatis nos dediffe conceffiffe et hac prefenti carta noftra confirmaffe dilecto confanguineo noftro Henrico de Douglas militi viginti libras Sterlingorum de magna suftuma noftra burgi de Hadyngtoune annuatim percipiendas per manus suftumariorum noftrorum eiufdem ad feftum Pentecoftes · Tenendas et habendas ac percipiendas eidem Henrico et kariffime nepti noftre Mariorie fponfe fue et eorum alteri diutius viuenti et heredibus inter ipfos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus ipfius Henrici legitimis quibufcumque in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum quoufque nos aut heredes noftri

reges Scotie predictos Henricum et Marioriam aut eorum heredes predictos de viginti libratis terre infeodauerimus aut infeodauerint in loco competenti · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum · Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Willelmo et Johanne cancellario nostro Sancti Andree et Dunkeldensis ecclesiarum episcopis · Johanne primogenito nostro de Carric Senescallo Scotie · Roberto de Fyf et de Menteth filio nostro dilecto · Jacobo de Douglas consanguineo nostro / comitibus · Archebaldo de Douglas et Roberto de Erskyne consanguineis nostris / militibus · Apud Edynburgh octauo die Januarii anno regni nostri quarto decimo ·

Indentura inter dominum de Dalketh et dominum Johannem Hamiltoun ·

9 Hec indentura facta apud Dalketh primo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo trescentesimo octogesimo octauo inter nobiles viros dominum Jacobum de Douglas dominum de Dalketh ex parte vna et dominum Johannem de Hamyltoune dominum de Cadzow ex parte altera continet et testatur quod inter partes predictas concordatum est in forma que sequitur videlicet quod dictus dominus Johannes deo volente capiet et in vxorem ducet Jacobam de Douglas filiam secundam domini Jacobi quamquidem Jacobam predictus dominus Johannes conjunctim faciet infeodari in integra baronia de Kinele cum pertinentiis et cum seruitiis libere tenentium in constabulario de Lynlythqw infra vicecomitatum de Edynburgh · Tenendam et habendam predicte Jacobe et heredibus inter ipsam et predictum dominum Johannem legittime procreandis quos etiam heredes predictus dominus Johannes faciet constituet et ordinabit suos veros heredes et legittimos successores omnium terrarum sibi pertinentium seu pertinere valentium qualitercumque infra regnum · Pro quo quidem maritagio coniuncta infeodatione premissis in omnibus ut premittitur faciendis prefatus dominus Jacobus de Douglas dabit et persoluet predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune verum annuum valorem omnium ter-

rarum ſuarum quas poſſidet dictus dominus Johannes in proprietate die huius conuentionis ſecundum quod per fidelem recognitionem antiqui extentus dictarum terrarum valeat recognoſci in anno extendi in valore · Et inſuper prefatus dominus Jacobus de Douglas dabit et perſoluet predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune ſtatim poſt complementum dictorum matrimoniorum et coniuncte infeodationis dimidietatem antiqui extentus omnium tenementorum que de ipſo tenentur in capite per wardam vel releuium ubicumque infra regnum Ad quamquidem ſolutionem vt premittitur fideliter faciendam predictus dominus Jacobus de Douglas ſe et heredes ſuos obligat perſoluere predicto domino Johanni de Hamyltoune ſtatim poſt complementum dictorum matrimoniorum et coniuncte infeodationis centum mercas ſterlingorum et deinde ſingulis annis ad quemlibet terminum Penthecoſtes et Beati Martini quinquaginta mercas ſterlingorum et ſic de anno in annum et de termino in terminum ipſam ſolutionem ſucceſſiue continuabit quouſque dicta ſumma extentus terrarum et tenementorum predictorum vt premittitur predicto domino Johanni et heredibus ſuis plenarie fuerit perſoluta · Et ſi contingat quod abſit dictam Jacobam abſque herede inter ſe et predictum dominum Johannem legittime procreando in fata diſcedere concordatum eſt inter partes predictas quod predictus dominus Johannes de Hamyltoune et heredes ſui reddent perſoluent et refundent prefato domino Jacobo de Douglas et heredibus ſuis tantam ſummam pecunie bone et uſualis monete quantam dictus dominus Johannes recepit in maritagio cum dicta Jacoba ad tales terminos et locum ac modo conſimili ut antea ſibi fuerat perſoluta · Et ſi aliquo caſu diſſortuito contingat dictam Jacobam per mortem fratrum ſuorum vel aliter ad hereditatem et dominium dicti domini Jacobi patris ſui futuris temporibus pervenire quod abſit ambe partes predicte volunt et concedunt quod filius ſenior ſiue junior qui ſuperſtes fuerit inter predictum dominum Johannem et dictam Jacobam procreatus legittime ſeu procreandus ipſam hereditatem acceptabit et gaudebit aſſumendo ſibi cognomen de Douglas et arma que gerit ex ſucceſſione dominus Jacobus antedictus · Et ad omnia et ſingula premiſſa fideliter in omnibus perimplenda ambe partes predicte

manus corporaliter aſtrixerunt · In cuius rei teſtimonium huius indenture partibus ſigilla partium predictarum alternatim ſunt appenſa loco die et anno ſupradictis ·

Vne clepe et vne call dune protectioun—

10 I apon the behalf of Sir J. de D. that here ſtandis ſayis to the R. that thar ſtandis that qwhar that he his landis his men thaire poſſeſſiounis and al thair gudis was vndir the ferme pece and the protectioun of owr Kyng Robert that now is Kyng of Scotland on Thuriſday neiſt before Yhole laſt paſſit thou come with otheris with the to the tounis of Newton and Dodyngſtoun in the Barony of Abircorne in the Conſtabelery of Lithcu within the Schirrefdome of Edinburgh / the qwhilk tounis the forſaid Sir J. has in malyng of Jonet Gourlay the dowchtir of qwhilome Sir Thomas of Erth Knicht / and thare wrangwiſely and aganis the law thou and tha that with the come tuk away twenty-one beiſtis oxin and ky ſtotis and grys of ſyndri eildis and ſyndri hewis that is to ſay blak broun rede and braundit / the price ten pounds of Sterlingis / doand to the fornemmit J. and til his men beforſaid il molest wrang and greif / brekand on him and his men the ferme pece and the protectioun of howre fornemmit Kyng Robert that nov is Kyng of Scotland / for the qwhilk doyng I ſoume the ſchame and the ſkath of the fornemmit J. and his men apon the R. / iiii^{c} li of Sterlingis / ſwilk as men byis and ſellis with in Scotland · and gif thou be the man that this nitis I ſal outrak it apon the as lauch of protectioun wil or as this gude court ſchewis me of lauch ·

[Quitantia Andree de Valoniis ·]

Pateat vniverſis per preſentes me Andream de Valoniis burgenſem de Lanark recepiſſe a nobiliſſima domina Marjoria de Lyndeſay ſponſa

quondam domini Henrici de Douglas militis et ab executoribus ejusdem domini Henrici decem libras sterlingorum unde teneo me solutum dictamque dominam Marioriam ac dictos executores necnon et heredes dicti quondam Henrici et omnes alios et alias quorum quarumque interest quietos et quietas imperpetuum per presentes · In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum apud Perth die xxii · Octobris anno Domini m°. ccc°. nonagesimo tercio ·

Preceptum domini locumtenentis . . . . pro domina Marioria de Lyndesay · · · ·

12 DAUID regis Scocie primogenitus Dux Rothissaye Comes de Carric . . . . locumtenens dicti domini regis generaliter constitutus domino Jacobo de Douglas . . . . salutem · Sciatis quod recepimus vnum preceptum domini regis penes vig . . . . magni sigilli cuius tenor sequitur et est talis Robertus Dei gratia rex Scottorum primogenito nostro Dauid duci Rothissaye Comiti de Carric et Marche Senescallo Scocie locumtenenti nostro infra regnum generaliter constituto salutem · In parliamento nostro [tento] apud Sconam vltimo die Februarii vltimo elapso conquesta fuit nobis Marioria de Lyndesay relicta quondam Henrici de Douglas militis de Jacobo de Douglas . . . . domino de Dalketh super diuersis instrumentis sibi factis tam penes tutelam Willelmi de Douglas filii sui quam terciam suam ab ea per ipsum ut dicit iniuste detentis ac eciam · · · · alia bona a Marioria de Douglas filia dicti quondam Henrici per eundem Jacobum iniuste detenta / Super quam querelam ordinatum extitit et decretum quod locumtenens partes predictas vocari faciat coram se sub premunitione viginti dierum ad docendum que earum partium ad dictum tutoris officium maius ius habeat et . . . . hinc inde partibus iudicet memoratum officium sine vlteriori dilacione parti . . . . plenius ostendenti Et omnia bona per partem aduersam iniuste capta ad dictam [Marioriam] pertinentia faciat debite restaurari parti huiusmodi dampna

paſſe Penes vero [terciam] ſuam recuperandam eidem Mariorie locumtenens teneat ius commune Quare vobis . . . . precipiendo mandamus quatenus ea que in dicto decreto continentur in quantum veſtro incumbit officio quum et quoties ex parte dicte Mariorie fueritis requiſiti debite exequ . . . . cum effectu ita quod pro veſtro defectu amplius inde iuſtam queremoniam [non audiamus] Datum ſub teſtimonio noſtri magni ſigilli apud Perth octauo die menſis Maii . . . .

[Charge to the laird of Lochlewyn to enter as hoſtage in England.]

Rex.

13 Deyr frende We chargis yhow ſtratly in yhour allegeans that yhe addreſs yhow / as for ane / to paſs in Ingland in hoſtaygis for our deliuerance and at yhe be at Edinburgh at vs the fyrſt day of September nixt to cum and thayr to tak yhour journay but langer delay / For it is ſua appoyntyd that on nay way it may be delaite. Takand this in paciens / for God willande we ſall ſe weyll for yhour deliuerance / And in the meyntyme we ſall tak yhow and yhour landis vndyr oure ſpeciell reſpyt and protectione. Gewyn under oure preue ſeille at Edinburgh the xviij dai of Auguſt the yheir of oure regne the xxij.

Dilecto et fideli noſtro
Henrico Douglefs de Lochlewyn.

Magna Carta Jacobi Douglas primi comitis de Mortoune omnium terrarum baroniarum ſuarum infraſcriptarum dominii et regalitatis de Dalketh. 1456.

14 JACOBUS dei gratia rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre ſue clericis et laicis salutem. Sciatis nos dediſſe conceſſiſſe et hac preſenti carta noſtra confirmaſſe dilecto conſanguineo noſtro Jacobo de Douglas filio primogenito et heredi dilecti conſanguinei noſtri Jacobi

domini de Dalkeith dominium et baroniam de Dalketh cum caſtro eiuſdem necnon baronias et terras ſubſcriptas Videlicet baroniam de Caldorcleire baroniam de Garmyltounedunyng necnon terras de Hauthornſek jacentes in baronia de Abircorne ac terras de Dechtment et Holdene cum pertinenciis jacentes in baronia de Weſtercaldore infra vicecomitatum noſtrum de Edinburgh ac etiam baroniam de Kilbothok baroniam de Neulandis / baroniam de Lintoune necnon terras de Eſtſchelis cum earundem terrarum et baroniarum pertinenciis et annexis et certas terras baronie de Kirkwrde et terrarum de Lochurde Quilt et Fethan cum pertinenciis necnon baroniam de Robertoune cum pertinenciis jacentem infra vicecomitatum noſtrum de Lanark et baroniam de Abirdowre cum caſtro eiuſdem cum pertinenciis / terras de Wodfeildecyre et Seyfeilde et duas Balbartanis cum molendino et eiuſdem ſequelis ac ceteris pertinenciis ſuis in conneſtabularia de Kingorne infra vicecomitatum de Fife ac tenementum de Hutoune cum pertinenciis jacens infra dominium de Anandirdail / terras de Mordingtoune cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Berwick · Quod quidem dominium de Dalketh et caſtra ſupradicta cum pertinenciis necnon baronie et terre prefate cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Jacobi patris hereditarie et quod dominium et caſtra predicta baronias et terras prefatas cum pertinenciis idem Jacobus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapſus ſed ſua mera et ſpontanea voluntate in manus noſtras apud Edinbwrgh coram ſubſcriptis teſtibus per fuſtem et baculum et ſuos procuratores ad hoc legittime et ſufficienter conſtitutos ſurſum reddidit pureque ſimpliciter reſignauit ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis dominio caſtris baroniis et terris cum pertinenciis habuit ſeu habere potuit pro ſe et heredibus ſuis omnino quietum clamauit in perpetuum · Tenendum et habendum dictum dominium de Dalketh vnacum dictis caſtris cum pertinenciis necnon prefatas baronias de Dalkeith Caldorcleire et Garmyltounedunyng ac terras de Hauthornſek terras de Dechtment et Holdene / baroniam de Kilbothok / baroniam de Neulandis / baroniam de Lyntoune / terras de Eſtſchelis et certas terras baronie de Kirkwrde et terrarum de Lochwrde Quilt et

Fethan / necnon dictas baroniam de Robertoune et de Abirdowre vnacum dicto castro de Abirdowre ac etiam terras de Wodfeildecyre et Seyfeilde et duas Balbartanis cum molendino et eiusdem sequelis ac ceteris pertinenciis suis vnacum dicto tenemento de Hutoun et dictis terris de Mordingtoune cum vniuersis et singulis dicti dominii ac etiam omnium et singularum dictarum baroniarum et terrarum pertinenciis et annexis predicto Jacobo de Douglas et heredibus suis de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate inperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout jacent in longitudine et latitudine cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus et asiamentis ac iustis pertinenciis suis quibuscumque tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad dictum dominium castra baronias et terras supradictas cum pertinenciis spectantibus seu juste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum et adeo libere quiete / plenarie / integre / honorifice / bene et in pace in omnibus et per omnia sicut dictus Jacobus pater aut sui predecessores predictum dominium de Dalkeith et dicta castra cum pertinenciis / necnon dictas baronias et terras cum pertinenciis de nobis aut predecessoribus nostris ante dictam resignationem nobis inde factam liberius tenuit seu possedit / tenuerunt seu possederunt / reseruato tamen dicto Jacobo patri pro toto tempore vite sue libero tenemento dicti dominii de Dalketh et dictorum castrorum necnon omnium et singularum baroniarum et terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis / exceptis baroniis de Robertoune et Kilbothok cum pertinenciis et de quibus duabus baroniis tam feodum quam liberum tenementum earundem baroniarum libere hereditarie pro perpetuo remanebunt cum dicto Jacobo filio et heredibus suis · Et reseruata etiam rationabili tertia parte dicti dominii et omnium et singularum baroniarum et terrarum predictarum preterquam de dictis baroniis de Robertoune et Kilbothok cum pertinenciis Elizabeth sponse dicti Jacobi patris pro toto tempore vite sue cum contigerit · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus · Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Jacobo consanguineo nostro carissimo et Georgeo Sancti Andree et Brechinensis ecclesiarum episcopis / Willelmo

comite Orchadie et de Cathnes domino de Sanctoclaro noſtro cancellario et conſanguineo predilecto / dilectis conſanguineis noſtris Thoma domino Erſkin / Alexandro domino Montegomeri / Johanne domino Lindeſſay de Byris / Johanne domino Dernle / Patricio domino Halis et Alexandro Waſſare noſtrorum compotorum rotulatore · Apud Edinburgh octauo die menſis Septembris anno Domini milleſimo quadringenteſimo quinquageſimo ſexto et regni noſtri viceſimo ·

[The Earl of Morton ſworn of the Privy Council ·]

15 Apud Caſtrum de Striueling xij Junij Anno ꝛc· lxxviij ·

Sederunt ·

Rex.
Joannes Comes Atholie Cam^rius.
Archibaldus Comes de Angus.
Colinus Comes Ergadie.
Joannes Comes de Montrois.
Joannes Comes de Mar.
Hugo Comes de Eglintoun.
Willelmus Comes de Glencairne.
Andreas Comes de Rothes.
Georgius Comes de Caithness.

Willelmus Dominus Ruthven.
Patricius Dominus Lindesay.
Laurencius Dominus Oliphant.
Joannes Dominus Maxwell.
Joannes Dominus Hereis.
Jacobus Dominus Ogiluy.
Jacobus Dominus Innermeyth.
Georgius Dominus Seytoun.
Andreas Dominus Vchiltre.
Allanus Dominus Cathcart.
Allanus Dominus Sinclair.

Magiſter de Gray.
Magiſter de Forbes.
Epiſcopus Sanctiandree.
Epiſcopus Glaſguenſis.
Epiſcopus de Caithnes.
Epiſcopus Orchadenſis.
Epiſcopus Morauienſis.
Epiſcopus Abirdonenſis.
Epiſcopus Dunkeldenſis.
Epiſcopus Brechinenſis.

Commendatarius de Dunfermling.
Commendatarius de Dryburgh.
Commendatarius de Cumbuſkynnet.
Commendatarius de Culros.
Commendatarius de Incheauffray.
Commendatarius de Kilwynning.
Commendatarius de Newbottill.
Commendatarius de San&colmis Inche.

Commiſſarii Burgorum.
Archibaldus Stewart pro Edinburgh.
Willelmus Dominus Cathnenſis pro Perth.
Magiſter Jacobus Haliburtoun pro Dunde.
Joannes Lokhart pro Air.
Thomas Craufurde pro Glaſgow.
Robertus Foreſter pro Striueling.
Thomas Walwood pro San&androis.
Thomas Lichtoun pro Montrois.

The quhilk day in preſens of the Kingis Maieſtie Nobilitie and Eſtaittes aboue writtin James Erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeyth being admittit to be of his Maieſteis ordinar prevy Counſale quhill the Parliament appoyntit to be haldin at Edinburgh vpon the tent day of Julij nextocum And in reſpect of the charge he buir of befoir as Regent to his Hienes Ordainit to haue the firſt roume and place in Counſale maid fayth and gaif his aith be halding vp his hand That he ſuld gif his anfauld leill and trew Counſall in all thingis ſould happin to be proponit in Counſale tending to the honor and ſuirtie of his Maieſteis maiſt nobill perſon the common effairis of his realme and lieges thairof and keep the ſamyn ſecreit and unrevelit by any maner of way And to be reſponſall and accuſabill to his Hienes and his Eſtaittes of his Counſale And that he ſall remaine abyde and be reddy to gif his counſale and not departe without licence of his Maieſtie and remanent of the ſame Counſale ·

16 RENTALE QUARUNDAM BARONIARUM DOMINORUM DE DALKEITH. MCCCLXXVI.

MOLEND . . .

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DUE BOUATE TERRE ECCLESIASTICE

Aſſ. . .

LOUCHURDE

Aſſedatur Ricardo filio Alani Roberto filio Ade Rogero Wode Gregorio de Moſs Johanni Hird et Laurencio filio Ricardi ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Louchurde viii li ·

BARONIA DE KYLBOUHO.

RAW ET BLANDOWYNE

Aſſedantur Johanni filio Ade et Johanni Hyldſone ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

VILLA DE KILBOCHOKE

Aſſedatur Johanni Murokſone Thome de Cauldlaw Radulpho filio Willelmi et Matilde vidue [ad] terminum vnius anni pro viii li · et xii gallinis plegio altero alterius.

COTAGIA EIUSDEM

Quatuor cotagia aſſedantur pro xxvi s · viii d · videlicet Johanni de Tweddale Johanni Walch et Domino Johanni . . .

Eden Bondvyle cepit vnum cotagium pro antiqua firma quam eadem dicit eſſe vi s · viii d · cum iiii dietis plegio Willelmo Ker.

Matilda vidua cepit vnum cotagium ſicut prius pro vi s · viii d · et iiii dietis plegio Thoma Caldlaw.

Adam Lityll cepit vnum cotagium pro vi s · viii d · et iiii dietis plegio Thoma de Caldlaw.

Johannes Murokiſon cepit ii cotagia pro xiii s · iiii d · et viii dietis plegio Daw[id] filio Willelmi.

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GYLDLANDE CUM II COTAGIIS

Aſſedatur Willelmo Ker ad terminum vnius anni pro xxvi s · viii d · et viii dietis plegio Johanne Willelmi.

BREWLANDE CUM II COTAGIIS

Aſſedatur Willelmo fabro ad terminum vnius anni pro xvi s · viii d · plegio Thoma de Cauldlaw.

WETLANDE

Aſſedatur Johanni filio Ade et Johanni Hildſone ad terminum vnius anni pro v s · plegio altero alterius.

MOLENDINUM EIUSDEM

Aſſedatur Ade molendinario ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · et paſcet vnum porcum ad lardarium domini ſi ſibi mittatur plegio Willelmo de Drouchhilde.

ORIENTALES DOMINICE DE KILBOCHOKE ET LE ORCHEARDE

Aſſedantur Willelmo Drouchilde et Ade molendinario ad terminum vnius anni pro xiii li · xvi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

OCCIDENTALES DOMINICE DE KILBOUCHOKE

Affedantur Roberto Hildfone Johanni Broun et Willelmo Scharp ad terminum vnius anni pro xiii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Kylboucho in anno liiii li · v s · et fic ad terminum xxvii li · ii s · vi d ·

WESTIRTOUN DE ESSCHELIS

Affedatur Johanni Cady Patricio filio Michaelis Johanni de Warde Chriftiane de Wyne et Gilberto filio Ade ad terminum vnius anni pro xii li · plegio altero alterius.

ESTIRTOUN DE ESSCHELIS

Affedatur Willelmo de Burne et Thome filio Andree ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de ii Effchellis in anno xx li · et fic ad terminum x li ·

NEWLANDIS.

BORDLANDE

Affedatur Johanni filio Laurenti ad terminum vnius [anni] pro v li · vi s · viii d · plegio Jacobo Swayne.

BREWLAND

Affedatur Michaeli filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro xxvi s · viii d · et vi gallinis plegio Andrea filio Johannis.

QWHITSYDE

In manu domini.

GLENMOTH

Affedatur Andree filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio Johanne filio Alexandri.

FLEMYNGTOUN

Affedatur Jacobo Swayne et Willelmo filio ſuo ad terminum vnius anni pro xii li · plegio altero alterius.

FREMANISLANDE

Affedatur Ade ciffori ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · plegio Andrea filio Johannis.

COLTHROP

Affedatur Johanni Watir Johanni filio Johannis et Willelmo filio Willelmi ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · et ii multonibus plegio altero alterius.

DROUCHHILDE

Affedatur Alano filio Henrici ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii li · plegio Andrea filio Johannis.

MOLENDINUM DE NEWLANDIS

Affedatur Andree filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · et paſcet vnum porcum domino ſi ſibi mittatur plegio Johanne filio Alexandri.

Summa in anno xxxvi li · vi s · viii d · et ſic ad terminum xviii li · xiii s · iiii d ·

QUYLTE ET LE FETHEN

Aſſedantur Thome Stulp Laurencio filio Ade Ade filio Symonis Thome Bull Willelmo de Foreſt et Johanni filio Patricii ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · et ſoluent annuale plegio altero alterius.

LYNTOUNE.

VILLA EIUSDEM XVIII BOUATE TERRE

Aſſedatur Willelmo filio Johannis Ade Smot Dauid filio Johannis Thome Smyth Thome filio Alexandri Willelmo Small Ade filio Thome Johanni Swayne et Johanni Lawson ad terminum ii annorum quolibet anno pro x li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

COTAGIA EIUSDEM VIDELICET IIII

BREWLANDE

DUE BOUATE DE SWYNBURNLAND

Antiqua stent .... marée.

Aſſedantur Willelmo Menar ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro xviii s · et ſecundo anno pro xx s · et tenetur edificare ſufficientem domum plegio altero alterius.

MOLLISLANDE

Antiqua stent iiii marce.

Aſſedatur Waltero filio Ade ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio Willelmo de Menar.

BAWDWYNISGILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · plegio Johanne Lawson de Lyntoun.

QWHITFEILDE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Ade et Dauid Purdy pro iiii li · vi s · viii d ·

Summa baronie de Lyntoun in anno xxii li · xviii s · et fic ad terminum xi li · ix s ·

KIRKURDE

Affedatur Alano filio Gilberti et Thome filio Patricii ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · plegio Waltero filio Alani.

MAYDVEN

Affedatur Willelmo de Newbiging ad terminum vnius anni fub ifta condicione videlicet quod fi dominus dictam terram furfum non reddiderit dictus Willelmus illam habebit pro xx s · plegio Johanne filio Willelmi.

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ANNUALI DE HOIPEKELYHO · ANNUALI DE NEWBI

x li · xiii s · iiii d ·

TERRA DE HARDIGTOUN

Peblys in anno ix^{xx} ix li · iii s · preter Horfebruke et Qwhyt Ade et fic ad terminum prefentem iiii^{xx} xiiii li · vi s · vi d · preter xl s · de gerfum de Effchellis.

RENTALE DE TYBRIS DE MORTOUN DALFUBILL GARVALDE DE BUTYLL ET DE MOFFET DE ASSEDACIONE ANNI &c. LXX^{mi} VII ET LEUACIONE ANNI LXX^{mi} VIII.

ASSEDACIO TERRARUM DE TYBRIS ET MORTOUN ET GARVALDE BUTILL MOFFET ET PRESTOUNE FACTA APUD DRUMFRES XV DIE MENSIS MARCII ANNO &c. LXX° VI^{to}.

DUBELAUCH

Aſſedatur Ingramo filio Dungalli ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio Symone filio Padine.

GLENCREACH

Aſſedatur Johanni filio Fergufii ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro xxvi s · viii d · ii^{o} anno pro xxxii s · iii^{o} anno pro xxxvi s · plegio Thoma Hunter.

DALNAW

Aſſedatur Symoni filio Padini ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio Ingramo filio Dungalli.

CLAUCHANE

Aſſedatur Michaeli filio Gylis ad terminum vnius anni pro antiqua firma quam idem dicit eſſe xiii s · iiii d · plegio Ingramo filio Dungalli.

BREWLAND CUM LE STALLAGE

Aſſedatur Mychaeli M'Cleiſch ad terminum vnius anni pro iii s · iiii d ·

CLAUCHHOPE

Jacobus Raa tenetur ſoluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod ſummonitus fuerat ad comparendum coram domino et non comparuit pro terra ſua accipienda vel ſurſum reddenda.

LOUCHIRBANE

Aſſedatur Alexandro Porter ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii li · plegio Thoma Hunter.

Jacobus Ra tenetur in antiqua firma perſoluenda pro eo quod ſummonitus fuerat ad comparendum coram domino et non comparuit pro terra ſua accipienda vel ſurſum reddenda.

TERRE DOMINICE

Aſſedantur Patricio M'Re ad terminum vnius anni pro xxxiii s · iiii d · plegio Thoma Hunter.

VILLA DE TYBRIS

Aſſedatur Patricio M'Rey ad terminum vnius anni pro antiqua firma quam dicunt eſſe xliiii s · videlicet ii terre huſband' et i bouata cum dimidia et querendum eſt quanta terra remanet.

Adam Aylmer cepit vnum cotagium cum le brewland ad terminum anni pro xi s · si dominus noluerit eam in propria manu retinere.

AUCHIRDILAKDY

Aſſedatur Cuthberto M'Narne ad terminum vnius anni pro xii s · plegio Willelmo filio Walteri.

MOLENDINUM

In manu Thome Hunter.

KNOKYNCHANGILL

In manu Nicholai de Drumfres.

AUCHINBREK

Aſſedatur Patricio de Bryn et Johanni M'Leſe ad terminum vnius anni pro xxxiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

AUCHINGASSYLE

Affedatur Donaldo filio Fergucii ad terminum vnius anni pro xxvi s · viii d · plegio Patricio M'Rey.

CLONYNGARTH

Affedatur Michaeli M'Cleiſch ad terminum iiii annorum primo anno pro x s · ii° anno pro xi s · iii° anno pro xii s · et iiii° anno pro xiii s · iiii d · plegio Thoma Hunter.

Thomas Walker et Raynaldus M'Pudirlane tenentur soluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod ſummoniti fuerunt ad comparendum et non comparuerunt coram domino ad ſuum pent' faciendum et nihilominus terra permanet in manu domini.

KNOCBANE

Affedatur Gilmor Macneſche ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii s · vi d · plegio Michaeli filio Gillicriſti.

AUCHNACHT

Affedatur Patricio Makre ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · viii d · et ſi plus queri poterit de illo plus tunc ſoluet.

ERNHANANE · CLOVYNCUDE

Affedantur M'Cleri ad terminum vnius anni pro xvi s · plegio Cudberto M'Narne.

Summa de Tybris in anno xx li · x d · et ſic ad terminum x li · v d · preter Clauhope molendinum Knokyncangyll.

MORTOUNE.

THORNHILL

Aſſedatur Willelmo filio Alani Thome de Dargavane Johanni filio Laurencii Roberto de Couqwhalane Michaeli M'Gilrey Donaldo Wyly Thome Lambe Mariote de Blare Johanni de Dargavell et Thome Scot ad terminum vnius anni pro ix li · vi s · viii d · ſub iſta condicione quod ſi dominus acceperit Mortounholme ad vſum ſuum tunc faciet dominus pent' cum tenentibus prenotatis ſi voluerint plegio altero alterius.

DOBTOUN

Aſſedatur Laurencio Newale Gilberto filio Ade Ade filio Alani Johanni Rede Malcolmo de Buchane Thome filio Gilcriſti Patricio de Buchane Thome filio Roberti et Tawus M'Gilleſe ad terminum vnius anni pro ix li · vi s · viii d · ſub condicione prenotata plegio altero alterius.

ERISMORTOUN

Aſſedatur Thome Hunter et Gilcriſto Herwynd ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

DRUMCORKE

Aſſedatur Roberto de Eccleſia Hugoni de Foreſta Hugoni de Rowkell et Ibbote Wales ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro vii li · vi s · viii d · et ſecundo anno pro viii li · plegio pro Roberto de Eccleſia Johanne filio Alani et pro Hugone de Rowkell plegio Willelmo filio Alani et plegio pro Ibbota Wales Gilberto filio Duncani et pro Hugone de Foreſt plegio Donaldo Wyly.

PARCUM DE MORTOUNE

Aſſedatur Gilberto filio Duncani ad terminum unius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d ·

LAUCHT

Affedatur Gilberto filio Duncani ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · xl d ·

Summa de Mortoun in anno xli li · x s · et fic ad terminum xx li · xv s · preter molendinum.

MOLENDINUM DE MORTOUNE

Thomas de Mortoun tenetur foluere pro eo firmam pro qua illud prius accepit videlicet pro viii li · et iii quarteriis brafii eo quod non accepit ad terminum nec fufficienter furfum reddidit ad exitum termini fcilicet fe intromittente cum molendino poft terminum.

Summa molendini viii li · in anno et fic ad terminum iiii li ·

DALFUBILL · GARVALDE.

VILLA DE DALFUBILL

Affedatur Willelmo filio Johannis Willelmo Ruffell Nigello filio Gelyfe Symoni filio Reginaldi Thome de Rowle Johanni filio Thome Thome Witty Johanni Stut Ade Couper Thome filio Reginaldi Gilcrifto filio Gilberti Johanni filio Johannis et Thome de Duncoll ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro xvii li · vi s · viii d · et quolibet anno duorum annorum fequencium pro xviii li · xiii s · iiii plegio altero alterius.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Domino Roberto rectori de Tynwald et Martino M'Cubyn ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

GARVALDE

Affedatur Thome filio Nyuini Ade Wode Johanni clerico Johanni Cruke

Johanni Dicſone Johanni M'Cuk Ricardo de Aula Ricardo M'Cuk Thome Boyis et Andree M'Cuk ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

MIKILHOLME · AUCHINSKEACH · ESKNOKIS

Aſſedantur Martino M'Cubyne pro antiqua firma quam tenentes dicunt eſſe viii li · et dominus x li · plegio Johanne Wode.

MOLYNE

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RAHILL

Aſſedatur Thome Blak et Johanni Scot ad terminum vnius anni pro xl s · plegio altero alterius.

MUNYGEP

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CRUNYHATOUN

Aſſedatur Roberto filio Niuini Thome filio Ade Johanni Gilaſpiſon et Johanni filio Andree ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa de Dalfubill in anno lv li · et ſic ad terminum xxvii li · x s ·

BARONIA DE BUTILL.

CLOUCHLARBANE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · viii d ·

AMBRENES

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Patricio M'Gilqwhud Gilberto M'Wren Patricio M'Gilalwy Gilberto M'Gillyn Gilberto M'Cumyne Gilberto M'Gilfud Henrico M'Alcok et Johanni de Herwyne ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

MARNAUCH

Affedatur Thome filio Gilberti Waltero Harper et Patricio Walter ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · plegio Thoma Makgilvane.

BARTEANE

Affedatur Willelmo filio Domini Mathei ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · plegio Thoma filio Gilberti.

CASTELGOUR

Affedatur Thome filio Gilberti ad terminum trium annorum primo anno pro vi li · fecundo anno pro vi li · vi s · viii d · et tercio anno pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio Gilberto filio Gilberti.

BREKAUCHLUG

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Michaeli M'Hay et Matheo M'Nab ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

MIKILBREKAUCH

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti Gilberto M'Guffok Andree filio vidue

Johanni M'Orry Gilberto M'Corrill Thome M'Gilrewy Johanni M'Crikir Johanni M'Claffirdy Andree fulloni et Donaldo M'Gilreigne ad terminum vnius anni pro xiii li · plegio altero alterius.

DUO KNOKIS

Affedantur Willelmo M'Moryne Dungallo M'Alayne Gilqwhongill Afchenane et Moricio filio clerici ad terminum vnius anni pro iiii li · iii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

BALGIRDANE

Affedatur Johanni fulloni et Johanni ciffori ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · plegio altero alterius.

LOGANE ET PORTHULY

Affedantur Johanni filio Ade Michaeli filio Ade et Willelmo Gudokfone ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

CLAK · · · YIS

Affedatur pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

VILLA DE BUTYLL

Affedatur Johanni Perifman Johanni Studehird Michaeli Couper et Colyno filio Hugonis ad terminum vnius anni pro vii li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

MUNCHYSE

Affedatur Gilberto filio Gilberti ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · xiii s · iiii d.

TORWARDE · TYBIRNES · CUM DIMIDIA MARCATA TERRE DE CULNAW

Affedantur Patricio Makakake et Willelmo Studhirde ad terminum trium

annorum primo anno pro iii li · ſecundo anno pro iii li · iii s · iiii d · et tercio anno pro iii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

Summa in anno iii^{xx}x li · xvi s · viii d · et ſic ad terminum xxxv li · viii s · iiii d ·

MOLENDINUM

In manu Gilberti filii Gilberti.

PRESTOUNE

GLENWALDY

Aſſedatur Thome filio Jonete Johanni filio Gilberti Johanni clerico Johanni filio Patricii Gilberto filio Gilcriſti Johanni Owſtyne Thome de Bek et Mauricio M'Nab ad terminum vnius anni pro viii li · plegio altero alterius.

VILLA DE PRESTOUN

Aſſedatur Johanni filio Walteri Gilberto filio Michaelis Johanni M'Kethirryke Gilberto filio Mordaci Willelmo M'Caſſane Andree ciſſori Andree Scolfyne Alano filio Bricii Johanni Rewfane et Andree filio prioris ad terminum vnius anni pro xii li · plegio altero alterius et ſoluent vnam marcam pro ſecta ſua.

MOLENDINUM

Aſſedatur Philippo filio Gilcriſti ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

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LE COR

Aſſedatur Johanni Marſchell Willelmo filio Donaldi et Roberto filio Willelmi ad terminum vnius anni pro vii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

NEWTOUN

Aſſedatur Roberto Boyle et Waltero Sprot ad terminum vnius anni pro vi li · xiii s · iiii d · plegio altero alterius.

GRAMPTOUN

Aſſedatur Johanni filio Willelmi Johanni Joppiſon et Alano Jopſone ad terminum vnius anni pro vii li · vi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

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TERRA DE TORTHORALDE

VILLA DE MOFFET

Aſſedantur Waltero filio Symonis iiii bouate terre ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s ·

Adam de Huke tenetur ſoluere antiquam firmam pro eo quod ſurſum reddidit terram ſuam et nullum plegium potuit inuenire et nichilhominus terra ſtat in manu domini.

Thomas Porter tenetur ſoluere domino x s · pro defectu comparent' cum fuerit ad pent' ſummonitus et nichilominus terra ſtat in manu domini.

Johannes filius Mathei cepit ii bouatas terre ad terminum vnius anni pro x s ·

COTAGIA EIUSDEM

Walterus filius Symonis cepit ii cotagia cum dietis pro vi s ·

Thomas Potter cepit vnum cotagium cum dietis pro iii s ·

Johannes Yhung cepit i cotagium quod Thomas Smith tenuit pro iii s · cum dietis.

Thomas Potter vnum cotagium pro ii s ·

Item Dominus Marcus cepit domum cum acra terre ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · viii d ·

Walterus filius Simonis respondebit pro isto anno.

Summa huius in anno xxiiii li · vii s · iiii d · et fic ad terminum xii li · iii s · viii d ·

MOLENDINUM EIUSDEM

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MORDYNGTOUN

Affedatur Patricio de Paxtoun ad terminum trium annorum primo pro xvi li · ii° anno pro xvii li · vi s · viii d · iii° anno pro xviii li · xiii s · iiii d ·

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Aſſedatur Johanni Sithowſone [et] Sithow Cant ad terminum ii annorum quolibet anno pro v li · xiii s · iiii d · et dimidia celdra auene exceptis multonibus et gallinis plegio altero alterius.

TELNY v li · vi s · viii d ·

Aſſedatur Sithow Cant Johanni Sithowſone Willelmo de Hill Johanni Broune Willelmo filio Johannis Johanni Mauldſone Willelmo Yhunger Willelmo Cant Willelmo Smert et Matheo filio Johannis ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · xiii s · iiii d · et hoc quod dederunt in anno precedenti exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

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Aſſedatur eiſdem huſbandis preter Johannem Sithowſone et Sithow Cant et Matheo Johnſone ad [terminum] vnius anni pro xl s · xl d · exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

COTELANDE xliiii s ·

Aſſedatur eiſdem huſbandis videlicet Matheo Johnſone Willelmo Smert Willelmo Cant Willelmo Yhunger Johanni Mauldſone Willelmo Johnſone Johanni Broune et Willelmo de Hill ad terminum vnius anni pro xlvi s · viii d · plegio altero alterius.

BRACINA xx s ·

Aſſedatur Matheo Johnſone ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · et tenetur edificare domum excepta parte ſua multonum et gallinarum plegio Johanne Schurthouſe.

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Aſſedantur

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BREKAUCH xx s ·

Aſſedatur huſbandis ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · exceptis partibus ſuis multonum et gallinarum plegio altero alterius.

TERRE DOMINICE xii li ·

Aſſedantur huſbandis videlicet Matheo filio Johannis Willelmo Smert Willelmo Cant Willelmo Yhunger Johanni Auldſon Willelmo Johnſon Johanni Broun et Johanni Schurthouſe ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · xiii s · iiii d · et xvi bollis ordei plegio altero alterius.

BRACINA

Aſſedatur Johanni Schurthouſe ad terminum vnius anni pro xx s · excepta parte ſua multonum et gallinarum plegio Matheo Mauldſone.

Summa iſtius videlicet Abirdour in anno xxxi li · x s · et ſic ad terminum xv li · xv s · iiii celdre auene xvi bolle ordei iiii multones et ii duodene gallinarum.

KYNGORNE.

ESTIRBALBRETANE

Affedatur Ricardo Starke Michaeli filio ſuo et Johanni filio Thome ad terminum ii annorum primo anno pro v li · et vno quarterio auene et ſecundo anno pro v li · vi s · viii d · et vno quarterio auene plegio altero alterius.

WESTIRBALBRETANE

Affedatur Domino Bartholomeo et Galfrido Andiſone ad terminum vnius anni pro v li · vi s · viii d · exceptis multonibus et gallinis plegio [altero] alterius cum vno quarterio auene.

MOLENDINUM

Affedatur Willelmo Qwhitbrow ad terminum quolibet anno pro iii li · vi s · viii d ·

TYRY ET SEFELD CUM LE GRAUNGE

Ad terminum Pentecoſtes dabunt viii marcas de annuo redditu et ad terminum Beati Martini dabunt iii celdras frumenti.

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KYNNOWLE

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HERTHORNHILL

Aſſedatur Thome filio Ricardi Roberto Haſty Thome Briſbane et Johanni Haſty ad terminum vnius anni pro x li · plegio altero alterius.

HARDIGTOUN

Aſſedantur Waltero Gray ad terminum vnius [anni] iiii bouate terre pro xiiii s · et ſi alique alie bouate eiusdem ville carius aſſedantur in voluntate domini erit ad ampliandum ad eandem ſummam ſicut alie.

SCRALYNE

Aſſedatur Ade de Belfurde Willelmo Sumer et Thome Markeſoun ad terminum vnius anni pro iii li · vi s · viii d · videlicet viii bouate terre et v cotagia cum dimidio plegio altero alterius.

Item aſſedatur Thome Dicſoun vna bouata terre ad terminum vnius anni pro vi s · plegio Willelmo Sumer.

MOLENDINUM FULLONIS

Aſſedatur Willelmo de Lyntoun videlicet ſexta pars ad terminum vnius anni pro viii s · x d · obolo et ſexta parte denarii.

Summa huius iiii li · xviii d · et ſexta pars denarii.

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THE EARLS OF MORTON.

Letter from King James V. to James Earl of Mortoun ·

REX ·

1 Treſt Couſing and Counſalour We greit ȝou weill / and hes reſſauit ȝour writenis / and to ȝour deſyr of our licence to Contract Mariage betwix Robert Maxwell ſone and apperand ayr til our Couſing Robert lord Maxwell and ȝour dochtyr our nece / We ar hartly content of the ſamyn Conforme to our mynd ſchawin to ȝou be our other writenis of befor Subſcriwit with our hand At Falkland the xvij day of Junij ·

JAMES R ·

Conſanguineo et conſiliario noſtro dilecto Jacobo
de Morton comiti ac domino de Dalkeith ꝛc ·

The King to the Earl and Counteſs of Mortoun ·

REX ·

2 Richt weilbelouit / Couſing and traiſt counſalour We grete ȝow hertlie weile and fforſamekle as it is ſchewin till Ws that our ſiſter and ȝe thinkis to contract mariage and allia our nece ȝour ȝongar dochter with Robert Maxwell ſone to our couſing Robert lord Maxwell off the quhilk We ar hertlie wele content and erar with him nor any uther ffor we purpoſe to

tak him fra his fadir and bring him vp in our awne houſe / ꝛ god haue gou in keping Subſcriuit with oure hand at Edinburgh the xxj day of Julij ·

JAMES R ·

To our derreſt couſing ꝛ traiſt counſalour James erle of Mortoun and our derreſt ſiſter his ſpouſe ꝛc ·

Precept by the King to Robert Lord Maxwell and to John of Maxwell his brother in favour of the Counteſs of Mortoun ·

REX ·

3 Welebelouit Couſing We grete gou wele Forſamekle as It is humelie menyt to ws be our louit ſiſter Katherine Countas of Mortoun that quhaſcho hes of ws in few the landis and barony of Buthil and has maid gude and thankfull payment to oure Comptrollar of all malis and dewitis awand to ws thairof ſen ſcho gat the ſaidis landis in few / and ge withhaldis fra hir ane grete part of the malis of the ſamyn extending to thre hundreth merkis of termes bygane Nochtwithſtanding oure Comptrollare is payit be hir of the ſaid malis And als ſcho is planetuis that ge haue ane bruther of gouris callit Johnne of Maxwell quhilk withhaldis fra hir the manys of Preſtoun callit the Wrayes quhilk is hir conjunct feftment / all malis and proffittis of the ſamyn of thir thre geris bygane be gour tollerance / conſidering ge ar ſchiref to ws and ballie to our ſaid ſiſter We merwell that ge thole ſic manifeſt wrangis to be done within the boundis of goure office Tharefore We charge gou as ye will eſchew oure hie diſpleſure that ge mak and cauſe gour bruther to mak thankfull payment to our ſaid ſiſter of all termes bygane and tocum for ſcho hes optenit our lettres on gou in the ferd forme / And We will thole thame to proceid according to Juſtice without ge mak and caus to be maid thankfull payment to hir of all termes bygane and to cum of the ſaidis landis Subſcriuit with our hand At Edinburgh the xij day of Maij and of oure Regnne the xvj gere ·

JAMES R.

Exemption by the King to James Erle of Mortoun from all oiſtis ꝛc ·

REX ·

4 We underſtand that our weilbelovit Couſing and Counſaloure James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith is ſubject to diverſe ſeiknes and infirmiteis in his perſoun havand ane ſare leg and not habill to endure grete travel in weirfare without extreme danger in his perſoun And thairfore We have exemit our ſaid couſing as for his awne perſoun and ſex ſervandis with him fra all our oiſtis radis wappinſchawingis and weris be ſey or land within our realme or outwith for all the dayis of his life ꝛc · ꝛc · Gevin under our privie Seill and ſubſcrivit with our hand At Edinburgh the xix day of October And of our Regnne the xvj ȝere ·

JAMES R ·

From the King to the Counteſs of Mortoun ·

REX ·

5 Weilbelouit ſiſter We grete ȝow hertly weill ſforſamekill as We have writin to our traiſt couſing ȝour huſband prayand hym to fulfill and to keip the commonyng and promiß betuix hym and our couſing Malcom Lord Flemyng anent the alienatioun of certane ȝour huſbandis landis to be maid to our ſaid couſing efter the forme of the ſaid commonyng becaus the ſaid Malcom lord Flemyng hes analiit certane of his awin landis to furniß money to ȝour huſband for his landis Heirfor We pray ȝou to mak na ſtop nor Impediment thereto / for We heirſay that ȝe will nocht thoill ȝour douchter to gif our hir fee of the ſaid landis to that effect bot ſtoppes hir therof / We pray ȝou effectuuſly becaus the ſaid Malcomis barnis that ſuld haue the ſaidis landis ar ſa teynder of blude bayth to ws and ȝou / and ſiclik becaus ȝour huſband is ſelland and puttand faſt away till utheris that ȝe forthir the ſamyn for our ſaik as ȝe will report ſpeciall thankis of ws therfor And failȝeing that ȝour huſband will not fulfill nor keip his promiß to our ſaid couſing We aſſure ȝou We ſall provyd and

fynd the way that he ſalbe compellit to keip his condicioun be the law And forther ȝe ſall gif credence to this berar in this mater Subſcriuit with our hand at Edinburgh the xij day of October and of our Regne the xix ȝeir ·

JAMES R ·

To our wilbelouit ſiſter the Countes of Mortoun ·

The King to the Theſaurer anent Robert Douglas of Lochleven ·

REX ·

6 Theſaurer We grete ȝow wele / ȝe ſall underſtand We have conſentit to put Robert Dowglas of Lochlevin in fee of the Erldom of Mortoun and Lordſchip of Dalkeith with thair pertinentis for gude cauſſis as he will ſchaw ȝow We pray ȝow fail nocht to gar reforme his ſignature be men of underſtanding as he thinkis beſt And help him in ſik thingis as he deſiris / Forder gif credence to him / Subſcrivit with our hand At Brechyn the xviij day of October And of our Regne the xxviij ȝeir ·

JAMES R.

Till our Theſaurer ꝛc ·

Acquittance by George erle of Erroll to Robert Douglas of Lochlevin ·

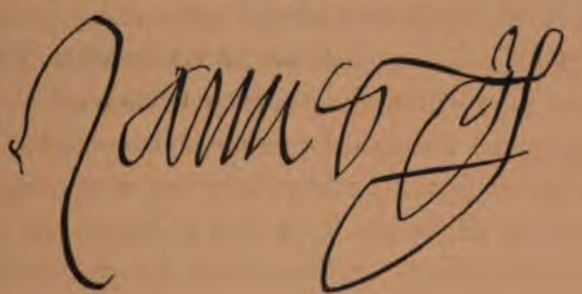
7 I George erle of Erroll grantis me haif reſſauit fray ane honorabill man Robert Douglas of Lochlevin the ſoume of ane hundreth merkis wſuale money of Scotland for the nonentres of his landis of Foſſaquhy haldin of me the ſaid George erle ꝛc of the quhilk ſoume I hald me weile content and payt Diſcharging and quietclamand the ſaid Robert his airis executoris and aſſignais for now and euer and all otheris quhome efferis of the forſaid ſoume of j° merkis be this myne acquittance Subſcriuit with my hand At Kilros the day of Auguſt the ȝeir of God I^m V^c and fourte thua ȝeris befor thir witnes Androw Hay John Murray Duncan Robertſone and Androw Montago with otheris divers ·

George Erll of Erroll

Ane Appointment betuix the Duik and my Lord of Mortoun for deliverie of the hous of Dalkeith ·

GUBERNATOR ·

8 My Lord Gouvernour of his ſpecial grace and favour hes grantit and be thir preſentis grantis to James of Douglas ſone to George Douglas Maiſter of Angus · That the ſaid James cummand inſtantly furth of the dungeoun of Dalkeith and ſubmittand him alwayis to my ſaid Lord Governours will / My ſaid Lord Governour is contentit that the ſaid James his ſervandis and geir being now preſently within the dungeoun ſalbe ſaif and fre to pas at his and ther pleſouris and thai . . . . . all ther geir forſaid to quhatſumevir place thai pleis . . . . . the ſaid James his ſervandis and geir to be convoyt ſuirly gif as the ſaid James ſal deſyre apone his humble requiſitioun and ſute Providing that the ſaid houſe be deliverit betuix this and the morne ten houris befor none And for the mair ſecuritie therof my ſaid Lord Governour hes ſubſcrivit this preſent And failȝeand that the hous be nocht deliverit agane the tyme apointit / This apointment to be of nane avale and the ſaid James to be puniſt at my Lord Governouris pleſure At Dalkeith the ſevint day of November 1543 And thir premiſſis abone writtin being fulfillit be the ſaid James and his ſervandis My Lord of his grace Remittis to him and thame the crime of the halding of the houſe ·



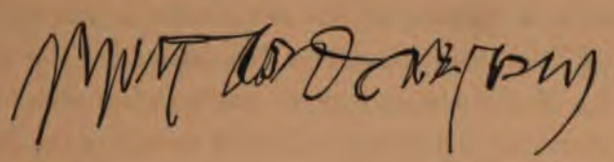
Receipt and Difcharge by the Commendator and Convent of Sanctandrois to The Lady of Lochlewyne and her fon ·

9 We James be the permiffioun of God Commendatair of the priorie of Sanctandrois and Convent of the famyne grantis ws to have reffavit furth of the place of Lochlewyne fra ane honorable gentill woman Margaret Erfkyne Lady of Lochlewyne And hir fone William Douglas air to wmquhile Robert Douglas of Lochlewyne that laft deceffit thre kyftis contening certane reliquis and claithis of filk and gold with divers geir pertening to our place quhilk we caufit be put thair to be fuirlie kepit fra our enimeis handis of Ingland befoir the raid of Langhop / Ane of the faidis kiftis being of auld aik haiffing ane clovyne lyd abone with thre holis in the famyne Ane uthir being of new eiftland bwrd haiffand · · · · lokkis with twa bandis of Irne about It The third of thaim being rycht fua of new eiftland bwird haiffand bot ane lok with crampattis of Irne about the anglaris gawillis and newkis of the famyne / And difchargis the faid Lady and Williame hir fone and all utheris quhome It effeiris of the faidis thre kiftis as is abone expremit Swa that the foirfaidis kiftis and geir be als fuirlie put in our handis agane upoun our expenfis As we caufit the famyne be put within the faid place of Lochlewyne / In Witnes of the premiffis To this prefent write Subfcrivit with our hand our commone Seil Is affixit At Sanctandrois the day of March the ȝeir of God I^m V^c fourte ȝeris ·

James Commendator of Sanctandrois ·
Den Jhon Wynram Subpriore of Sanctandrois ·
Den James Wemis ·
Den Dauid Guthre ·
Den Dauid Cuke ·
Dominus Patricius Dunkanfoun ꝛc ·

My lord Erſkynis acquittans In the Quenis grace behalf of iij^{c} crownis ·

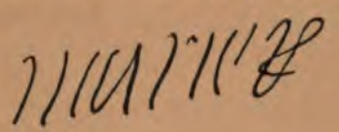
10 I Jhone lord Erſkene grantes me to haue reſſauit fra the handis of maſter Johne Bougomyn ſecretar to the Quenis grace dowriar of Scotland the ſowm of thre hundreth crownis of the ſone in name and behalf of Margret Erſkene Lady of Lochlevin auchtand be the ſaid Quenis grace unto hir Of the quhilk ſoum of thre hundreth crownis forſaid I grant me wele content and payit And quitclamys and diſchargeis the ſaid ſecretar therof in the Quenis behalf and all otheris quhome efferis for now and euer In witnes herof I haue ſubſcriuit this acquittance in the ſaid Lady Lochlevynis behalf At Blais the xxix day of Januar the ȝere of God I^{m} V^{c} and fyfty ȝeris ·



Precept by Mary Queen Regent to Patrick Home of the Brumehous ·

REGINA ·

11 Comptrollar ȝe ſall Incontinent eftir the ſycht heirof deliver and mak thankfull payment to oure ſervitour Patrik Home of the Brumehous the ſowme of fourty pundis money of this realme of the reddieſt mailis and dewiteis of oure derreſt dochteris propirtie of the termes of Martimes in the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and fifty ſex and Witſounday In the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} fifty ſevin ȝeris Quhilk ſalbe allowit to ȝou in ȝour comptis ȝe kepand this oure precept for ȝour Warrand Subſcriuit be vs At Halyrudhous the third day of Junij the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and fifty ſevin ȝeiris ·



The Erll Marſhall and the erll of Errolles band for the relief of thaim that ar bund for the Maſter of Marſhalis entras ·

12 We Williame erle Merſchell Lord Keith ꝛc· George erle of Errole Lord Hay fforſamekle as James erle of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith Walter Ker of Ceſſurd and Johne Ker of Farnyhirſt knichtis ar obliſt and bundin with ws conjun&lie and ſeuerallie To the erle of Northumberland Schir Henrie Percy knicht and to Robert Lord Ogill Ingliſmen and to everie of thame failing of uther That Williame maiſter Merſchell preſoneir in Ingland and be the ſaid erle of Northumberland lattin hame in Scotland ſall without fraude gile or delay enter agane to the ſaid erle or to the ſaid Schir Henry Percy or to thair aſſignais within the towne of Norhame he being haill man and feir In ſuche ſort as lauchfull entrie ſalbe thair takin of him the firſt day of September nixttocum efter the dait of the ſaid band And in default that the ſaid Maiſter enter nocht as ſaid is to content and pay within xx dayis nixteftir the failing of the ſaid entrie the ſowme of foure thowſand pundis Sterling without fraude cullour or diſſait Thairfore to be bundin and obliſt and be the tennour heirof bindis and obliſſis ws oure airis and executouris To freith releif and keip ſkaithles the ſaidis Erle of Mortoun Lairdis of Ceſſurde and Fairnihirſt thair airis and executouris off the ſaid band ſowme contenit thairintill and contentis of the ſamyn At the handis of the ſaid erle of Northumberland Schir Henry Percy knicht and the Lord Ogell and thair aſſignais and all utheris Be this our obligatioun Subſcrivit with oure handis our ſeillis ar affixt AT Edinburgh the auchtene daye of Junij The ȝeir of God I^m V^c fiftie nyne ȝeiris ·

George erll of Erroll ·

Wylȝam erll of Merſcheall wyth my hand ·

further ſic leiffing to my brother as god prowyidis him I am not perſuaded that heir Is the prouiſion of god but (ſaiffing that honour and reuerence that be law of god and natuir I awcht to ȝou quhilk alſo I mynd be goddis grace perpetually to keip and vſe towardis ȝou) I wald in playn termes lett you knaw in quhat ſort I reſave this practiſe at ȝour hand and how lytill ȝe haif regarded ayther my wele and honour or ȝit ȝour awin deutye towardis me heirin that nevir wald haif ſparit to haif putt my hart with in my bouk vpon ȝour credit Vther thingis I will not wrytt at this preſent but prayis god to oppin ſum ayſyer way to prowyid ȝour bayrnis (quhilk ar in deid tender aneuchtt to me and may be on force) nor be my ſkayth and diſhonour / and ſa committis ȝou to the protectioun of God from Aberdene the ix of october 1562 ·

As I keip ſecreit this matter ſa wald
I wiſh it wer nevir ſpokin ·

ȝour ſonne at all pouer ꝛc·

James Stewart

To my mother the Lady of Loychlewin ·

Mary Queen of Scots to the Abbot of Dunfermling ·

14 Venerable fader in god We grete ȝou wele ſforſamekle as for certane occaſionis moving ws at this preſent tyme We haue thocht gude that the temporall landis of oure abbay of Dunfermling be ſett in fewferme to oure theſaurair maiſter Robert Richartſoun with quhome we haue takin ſic ordour that the ſaid few ſall nowther be preiudiciall to ȝou / nor to thame that beis poſſeſſouris for the tyme of oure ſaid abbay Nor ȝit to the tenentis thairof As we haue at lenth declarit to your couſing maiſter Robert Pitcarne And thairfoir we pray ȝou effectuiſlie that ȝe ſubſcriue and pas the ſaid maiſter Robertis charteris maid upoun the ſaidis few

landis quhilk we haue caufit be fend to ȝou to that effect And mak the famyn to be fend agane in all guidlie haift Sua that this our purpos be na wyfe hinderit as ȝe will do ws verie acceptable plefure And thus we commit ȝou to God At Edinburgh the laft day of Maij 1564 ·

To ane venerable fader in God
the abbat of Dunfermling ꝛc ·

Archibald fifth Earl of Argyll to James third Earl of Arran / Duke of Chatelherault ·

15 My Lord Eftir my maft humill Commendatiounis your grace fall ondirftand that the Quines Majeftie hes defyrit me to be Into Edinbrhwite the xx day of this inftand becawif of the Erll of Lenox in Cwming tharfor I thocht it gowd to adwartiß your grace of the fame for qwhat ewir beis proponit In tha behalwis I fall do na thing qwhill I fpek wyth your grace farder It fall pleis your grace to gyf credit to my Cofing berar heirof wrytin fra the xix day of feptember 1564 ·

Ȝour grace Cofing to command ·

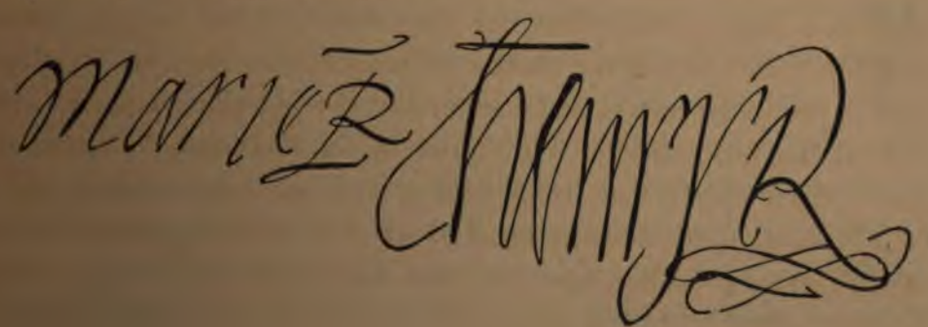
To My Lord Dwkis grace of Satillarolt
gyf this ·

Licence by The King and Queen that William Douglas of Lochlevin retain the place and hous of Lochlevin ·

Apud Edinburgh decimo tertio die menſis Nouembris anno domini Milleſimo quingenteſimo Sexageſimo quinto .

16 The quhilk day fforſamekle as the King and Quenis Majeſties charge wes direct to ane herauld or vther officiar of armes Commanding thame to pas and charge Margaret Erſkin lady Lochlevin Williame Douglas of lochlevin Robert douglas his ſone and apperand air and the ſaid Williame his fader as lauchfull tutour adminiſtratour gydar and gouernour to him and all vtheris his tutouris and curatouris gif he ony hes for thair intereſſe and all vtheris keparis havaris and withhalderis of the caſtell and fortereſſe of Lochlevin To rander and deliuer the ſamyn to the officiar executour of the ſame charge And remove thame ſelffis thair ſeruandis and guidis furth of the ſamyn within ſex houris nixt efter the charge vnder the pane of treſſoun Like as at mair lenth is contenit in the ſamyn charge Of the dait the ſevint day of nouember inſtant Comperit Adam m^c^culloch merchemont herauld and producit the ſaid charge dewlie execute be him vpoun the ellevint day of the ſaid moneth And being inquirit vpoune the ſaid Williamis anſuer Reportit That he wes extremlie ſeik in perrell of his lyff to the ſaid Adamis apparence ȝit offerit he with all humilitie to obey the command of the ſaid charge with all haiſt poſſible to him And to that effect deſirit the ſaid Adam to remain with him quhilk he and the countes of Buchane quha than wes travelland with chyld mycht remove and cum furth of the ſaid place The King and Quenis Majeſties vnderſtanding alſwele be the ſaid herauldis report and declaratioun As be thair traiſt couſing and counſalour Johnne erll of Mar lord erſkin the obedient mynd of the ſaid Williame Douglas towart the deliuering of his ſaid hous and place Thairfore and in reſpect of his preſent infirmitie And of the erneſt ſute of thair ſaid traiſt counſalour

and of Maiſter James balfour perſoun of fliſk Offerand in the ſaid Williams naim cautioune to the effect vnderwrittine Thair Majeſties acceptis and Reſſavis the ſaid Williamis anſuer as full and ſufficient obedience of the ſaid charge And ar contentit that he as of before retene and keip in his awin handes and poſſeſſioune his ſaid houſe and place of Lochlevin quhill thair hieneſſis be further avyſit without ſkayth cryme or danger to be incurrit be him his ſaidis moder and ſone or vtheris quhatſumeuir for thair abiding and Remanyng within the ſaid houſe and place ſen the ſaid charge wes execute aganis thame Of the quhilk charge thair Majeſties be thir preſentis diſchargeis thame ſimpliciter · And inſtantlie the ſaid erll of Mar and Michaell Balfour of Burly In name of the ſaid Williame Douglas vndertuke and promiſt That ſchir William Scott of balwery knycht Dauid Dury of that Ilk Dauid Barclay of cullerny the ſaid Michaell Balfour of Burly and Johnne Anſtruther of that Ilk ſall cum to the burgh of Edinburgh betuix and the xxij day of nouember inſtant And thair becum actit and obliſt conjunctlie and ſeueralie as cautionaris and ſouirteis for the ſaid Williame Douglas That the ſaid houſe and place of Lochlevin ſalbe reddy and patent at thair Majeſties commandiment with all munitioune and artalliery being within the ſamyn quhilk pertenit to James erll of Murray at quhatſumeuir tyme thair hieneſſis ſall pleis require the ſamyn vpoun xxiiij houris warnyng And that nane of thair Majeſties rebellis thair ſeruandis or meſſingeris ſalbe reſſett ſupplijt or intertenyit in the ſaid place in the meyntyme vnder the panis of five thouſand merkis ·



Henry Darnley to The Laird of Lochlevin .

17 Lard of Lowghe Levyn Whear as We have taken order thorowgh our Realme ffor Reſtraynte of Shotynge with gunnes you beinge ſheryfe of thes partes we wyll and commande you hereby To apprehende all perſons within your charge that ſo vſes to ſhote contrary our order / And we havinge alredy vnderſtandynge of ane John ſhawe / ſune to Maiſter William ſhawe / To be a common ſhoter We allſo charge you hereby to take the ſayde Johne and ſend him to vs with his gune where ever we chaunce to be within three dayes efter this preſent And farder We beinge Informed of dyvers fyers vſed to be made upon the waters for fyſhynge wyche ſcarrethe the fowles / Our pleaſure Is alſo that ye Reſtrayne all ſuche fyers to be made tyll ye farder vnderſtand frome vs / In all which doinge thes ſyngned with our hande Shallbe your ſuffycyent warraunt Agenſte all perſones Geven at Burley this wendſday the xxij of nouember [1565 .]

HENRY R .

To our welbeloved the Lard of
Lowghe Levyn .

James Stewart [Earl of Murray] To my Lady Countes of Murray.

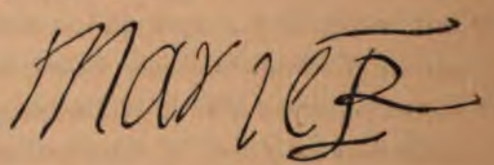
18 After my maiſt hartly commendatioun My oncle the Erle of Mar hes wryttin to me anent the kyrk of Egliſgrige It wes nevir my mynd that he ſuld want the x chalderis of wictuallis he uſed to reſave thairof Tak thair adwyis betuix ȝou with my mothir and lett her L . be ſatiffeit anentis thai x chalderis victual and the reſt thairof to cum to the prouffeyt of thayme It wes deſtinat unto I wraytt to ȝou of befoyr my adwyiſ . Ȝe ſall now joyne with my mother and uſe hir counſale and my oncles therle of Marris in ȝour ſwttis and as I may fynd beararis and ſuyr

ſcheriffdomes quhair thai dwell To compeir perſonalie before ws and Lordis of oure ſecreit Counſale at Edinburgh or quhair It ſalhappyn ws to be for the tyme upone the ſext day nixt efter thai and ilkane of thame beis chargeit be ȝow therto reſpective To anſuer to ſik thingis as ſalbe laid to ther charge under the pane of rebellioun ꝛc· Gevin under our Signett at Edinburgh the xix day of Marche and of our Regnnes the firſt and xxiiij ȝeiris ·

Per actum manibus S. D. N. Regis et Regine ſubſcriptum .

Mary Queen of Scots to the Laird of Lochlevin ·

20 Traiſt freind We greit ȝou weill We intend God willing in proper perſoun to repair ſchortlie towart Jedburgh and ther to do juſtice to our puir oppreſt ſubiectis That oure bordour being anys quietit We may the mair eſalie put ordour in the in cuntre in the quhilk Jornay it is neidfull that we be weill and ſubſtantiouſlie accumpanyit with oure gude and trew ſubjectis Praying ȝow therfore that ȝe accumpanyit with ȝoure houſhaldis and ſubſtanciouſe freindis bodin in weirlik maner addreſs ȝow to meit ws at Peblis the xiij day of auguſt nixtocum And ſwa to accumpany ws for the ſpace of xv dayis efter ȝour cuming to Jedburgh As ȝe will do ws verray acceptabill pleſure and ſeruice Subſcriuit with oure hand At Alloway the laſt day of Julij 1566 ·



To our traiſt freind the lard of
Lochlevin ·

The extract of the copy ſubſcriuit be Robert Scott of my Lord of Murrayis Teſtament ·

21 We James erle of Murray Lord Abernethy ꝛc· Being preſentlie with licence of the Quenis grace In redines to depart furth of this Realme and underſtanding that all creatures ar mortale and ſubiect to death The tyme quhairof is onlie Reſeruit unto the eternall god · Thairfoir I haif maid conſtitute and ordanit and be the tennour heirof makis conſtitutis and ordanis my derreſt ſpous Dame Agnes Keith Johne erle of Mar Johne Wiſcharte of pettarro knycht Williame Douglas of Lochlevin and Williame Kirkcaldy of grange knycht my executouris teſtamentaris and my ſaid ſpous the onlie and vniuerſall intromiſſatrice with my guidis and ane noble and mychtie princes Marie Quene of Scottis oueriſwoman of my ſaid teſtament and makis my ſaid ſpous ſa lang as ſche Remanis wedo vndefloret tutrix teſtamentar to Eliſabeth ſtewart my lauchfull dochter And gif ſche beis mareit or defloret Margaret Erſkin my mother And failȝeing of hir Williame Douglas of Lochlevin tutouris teſtamentaris to my ſaid dochter And the Quenis Maieſtie my ſouerane oueriſwoman to ſe all thingis be handillit and Reulit for the weill of my ſaid dochter In witnes heirof I haue ſubſcriuit thir preſentis with my hand At Sanctandrois the ſecunde day of aprile The ȝeir of god I^{m} V^{c} lxvij ȝeiris Sic ſubſcribitur · James Stewart ·

Tenet preſens copia In omnibus cum originali copiata et collacionata per me Notarium publicum ſubſcriptum de mandato dominorum conſilij et eorundem decret ꝛc· Tertio die menſis aprilis anno Domini ꝛc· lxxvj^{o} teſtantibus meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus ſic ſubſcribitur ·

R · Scott ·

Bond betwixt certain Noblemen ꝛc and Sir James Balfour keeper of the Caſtle of Edinburgh · (A copy.)

22 We Erles Lordis baronis and otheris vnderſubſcrivand of the Nobilite having reſpect that the Quenis hienes maſt noble perſoun wes apprehendit be the erll Bothvell vpon the day of Aprill / And therefter be fors and violence off armit men convoyit to the caſtell of Dunbarre / there deteynit and kepit in ſuir and ferm ward be the ſaid erll / be the ſpace of dayes / In likmaner hir Grace being Invyronit alſwele be a number of men of were as be the haill frendis of the ſaid erll Bothvell boddin in armour wes convoyit from place to place in ſik parts as he haid maſt dominion and power to command / during the quhilk ſpace that the ſaid erll haid hir maſt noble perſoun in the thraldome abone ſpecifyit hir Majeſtie being onlie accumpanyit with a few number of hir domeſtick ſervandis / he ceaſſit not be all wayes and unleiſſum meanis to ſeduce hir Grace to ane unlefull and unhoneſt marriage / quhilk from the begynning is null and of na effect for ſik cauſes as ar notourlie alſwele knawin to other realmes as to ws · The Nobilite and inhabitantis of this our native cuntre in lykwyes being informit that the ſaid erll as ȝit remanis in his maſt wickit intentioun and ferm purpos to kepe our ſoverannis perſoun in the thraldom and ſubiectioun forſaid / invyronit with men of weir and his frendis / ſway that nane of the Nobilite of hir Grace realm may reſort to hir preſens to knaw hir mynd without thair maſt extreme and utter danger quherthrow he intendis to utterlie rwyn and decay the guid fame and brute of our derraſt ſoveran liberte of this commoun wele and previledge grantit to the nobilitie therof · WE therfor conſtraynit upon neceſſitie hes oppynnit this maſt lamentable caiſe to Sr James Balfour of Pettindrech knycht clark of our ſouerannis regiſter and keper of the caſtell of Edinburgh / quha being cairfull for the miſordouris above writtin / and tendering the Quenis Majeſties maſt dangerous eſtate and perill that may come to the commoun wele hes upon the lik zeale

A Letter from England concerning the murder of King Henry Darnl

23 Having the commodity of this bearer Mr. Clark, I tho't good to wri
few words unto you. I have ree' fome writs from you, and fome I h
feen lately fent others from you, as namely to the Earl of Bedford of
16th of May. I have participat the contents thereof to fuch as I thou
meet, this meekle I can affure you: the intelligence given hithere by
French was untrue, for there was not one Papift nor Proteftant wh
did not confent that juftice fhould be done, be the Queen my fov
and fuppore, againft fuch as had committed that abominable ill mur
in your country: but to fay truth, the lack and coldnefs did not rife fr
fuch as were called to council, but from fuch as fhould give life and exe
tion thereunto. And further, I affure you, I never knew no matter of eft
propouned which had fo many favourers of all forts of nations as this ha
you, I can fay unto you, no man promoted the matter with greater aff
tion than the Spanifh ambaffador. And fure I am that no man d
openly be of any other mind, but to affirm that whafoever is guilty
this murder, handfaited with advoutre, is unworthy to live. I fhall n
need to tell you, which be our lives, and ways from all good things ha
You are acquainted with them as well as I. Needs I muft confefs, th
howfoever we omit occafions of honeft, honour, and fafety; it behove
your whole nobility, and namely fuch as before and after the murd
were deemed to allow of Darnwil, to proceeure with fword and juftice th
punifhment of thefe abominable acts, though we lend you but a cold ai
and albeit you, and divers others, fuch honourable and honeft, be w
known to me, and fundry others here, to be infufficible in all their affai
and dealings; yet think not the contrary but your whole nation is blemifh
and infamit by thefe dealings which lately paffed among you. Wha
fhall do I know not, neither do I write unto you affuredly, for w
fubject unto many occafions, and yet I think we fhall either aff y
continue in the defence and fafeguard of your Prince, fo as it

us that you mean his ſafeguard indeed, and not to run the fortune of France, which will be your own deſtruction if you be unadviſed. I know not one, no not one of any quality or eſtate in this country, which does allow of the Queen your ſovereign, but would gladly the world were rid of her, ſo as the ſame were done without farther ſlander, that is to ſay by ordinary juſtice. This I ſend the 23d of May.

Declaration by the Queen on the ſtate of the Realme · (A copy.)

Apud Edinburgh quarto die menſis Junij anno Domini milleſimo quingenteſimo Sexageſimo ſeptimo ·

24 The Quenis Maieſtie conſidering and thinking vpoun hir awin eſtait and the governament of this hir hienes realme owir the quhilk almychtie God hes placit hir ſupreme heid and lauchfull inheritour And with that calling to mynd quhat gret alterationis and ſtrange accidentis hes fra tyme to tyme occurrit during hir Maieſties regnne bot maiſt ſpeciallie ſen hir hienes arryvall and returning in this realme and taking of the manyment and governament of the effaris thairof in hir awin perſoun quhilk all (prayſit be God) ar happelie quietit and ſet doun be hir Maieſtie (God ſa weill proſpering the werk in hir handis) alſweill to hir awin honour as to the ſatiſfactioun and contentment of all hir gude ſubiectis That in all this tyme of hir Maieſties awin preſens ſen hir ſaid arryvall thay haif neuir felt the force of foreyn Innemeis bot levit in gud peace nor ȝit bene owirthrawin be the auctouris of ony domeſtik ſeditionis that hes nocht bene ſpedely dantonit and puniſſit for thair demerites And ſua thay may iuſtlie compair thair eſtait in this hir Maieſties regnne to the maiſt happy tyme that hes occurrit in mannis memorie bot as Invy is enemy to vertew and that ſeditious and unquiet ſpreitis euir ſekis occaſioun to Interteny trouble and vnquietnes Sa can hir Maieſtie neuir mein ſa ſincerlie and vprichtlie nor neuir direct hir doingis ſa perfytly bot

infted of thankfull hartis and gud obedience hir hienes clemencie is commonlie abufit and recompanfit with thrawartnes and Ingratitud And quhen fcho thinkis leift of ony nouatioun Euir fum Inuentioun or vtheris brocht in and the pepill perfuadit to beleif it / as that hir hienes cair of this commoun weill wer tint That hir Maieftie menit to fubuert the lawis to reiect the counfell and affiftance of hir nobilitie and to handle all thingis without ony difcretioun contrar the ancient cuftoum Bot laft[lie] that is maift grievous and offenfive of all that the health preferuatioun fure cuftodie and governament of hir maift deir and only fone the prince now in his infancie wer neglectit be hir hienes and na fic attendance haid thairto as appertenit And befidis this the malice of fum hes bene fo greit That quhair as hir hienes with avys of hir counfall laitlie fet out proclamationis Commanding hir fubiectis in certane cuntreis of the realme To be in redines and convene for perfute of the rebellious and difobedient fubiectis of Liddifdall by quhome the trew lieges ar havelie oppreffit It hes bene murmurit and put in the heidis of the pepill that thay forces wer to be convenit for vther purpofis that neuir enterit in hir hienes mynd ffor in making of the faidis proclamationis hir Maieftie haid na coullorat meaning nor na vther purpos in heid nor is planelie mentionat in the fame As the fucces will weill declair Quhilkis vntrew reportis and opprobious calumnys fa neirlie tuicheis hir Majeftie That conftranitlie it behuvis hir to gif plane declaratioun of hir mynd and part to all hir gude fubiectis To the effect that thai being certifeit of the veritie may be refoluit of all dout and fecludand errour may ftay thamefelves on the treuth for firft as God knawis hir mynd fcho neuir menit the fubuerfioun of the [lawis] in na Jote bot rather hes mantenit thame Quhat is abill to be obiectit that euir hir Maieftie tuke on hand vnconfultit be the noble men hir counfale And in quhat point hes hir hienes handlit ony maner of thing in the publict effaris by the cuftome of hir maift noble progenitouris men that ar godlie and hes difcretioun may juge and tyme will manifeft it to the haile warld And for hir derreft fone Of quhome fall hir Maieftie be cairfull gif fcho neglect him that is fo deir to hir On quhais

gude ſucces hir ſpeciall joy conſiſtis And without quhom hir Maieſtie culd neuir think hir ſelf in gude eſtait bot comfortles all the dayis of hir life And ȝit ſeing men now this biſſy in his infancie to ground the occaſioun of thair particulariteis on his perſoun It may be thocht quhat thai wald pretend gif he war of mature aige Bot as God hes hard hir prayeris and the prayeris of hir pepill in granting ſic happie yſſue and ſucceſſioun of hir body efter hir life to poſſes and Inioy this kingdome Sa ſall hir Maieſties moderlie affectioun towartis him appeir euidentlie that na thing requiſite for his nutriture cuſtody Intertenement and preſeruatioun ſalbe forȝet And with that he committit to ſic governance as vthiris princeis of this realme In thair Infancie hes bene accuſtomed in tymis bigane That in proces of tyme the actouris of ſic fals reportis aither in previe or patent ſall worthelie accus thame ſelves of vntreuth and find thame ſelfis fruſtrat of thair Inventionis And hir Maieſteis cair towart hir realme and naturall lyf and Inteir affectioun towart hir ſaid derreſt ſone ſall manifeſt the ſelf As it is in effect to the haill warld And that letteris be direct for publicatioun heirof In dew forme as efferis ·

Order by the Privy Council to John Mowbray of Bernbougall ·

Apud Edinburgh xj Junij Anno Domini I^{m} V^{c} *lxvij* ·

The quhilk day the Lordis of Secrete Counſell having herd how that diverſe of the nobilitie and utheris hes preſentlie joynit thame ſelffis togidder in armour and as is brutit purpoſing to ly about the place of Borthuik quhairin the Quenis Majeſtie is at this preſent And to invaid and aſſege hir hienes maiſt noble perſoun within the ſaid caſtell And becaus it is uncertane upoun quhat purpoſe and occaſioun thai have convenit at this tyme And gif ony thing be menit be thame towart the Quenis Majeſties perſoun or utherwayes Thairfore hes ordanit this berare Johne Moubray of Bernbougall To pas deſire and inquire of thame To declair to quhat purpos and upon quhat motioun and occaſioun thai have con-

venit thameſelffis togidder at this tyme and quhat Is meanit be thame towart the Quenis Majeſties perſoun And gif thai will declair that thing quherin ordoure aucht and ſall be takin for eſtabliſhing of gude reull and quietnes in the cuntrie that upoun thair advertiſment and declaratioun the Lordis of Secret Counſell now preſent in Edinburgh ar reddy with the Quenis Majeſties adviſe and in hir hienes name To conveine and tak ſik reaſonable ordour therintill as may ſtand for eſtabliſheing and preſervatioun of the commoun weill tranquillite and quietnes and avoiding of all Inconvenientis And forther to declair unto thame his credite as Is ſchawin be toung ·

P · HEWATT *de mandato Dominorum Secreti Conſilij* ·

A& for ſequeſtrating the Quenis Maieſties perſon and detening the ſame in the hous and place of Lochleven ·

Apud Edinburgh decimoſexto die menſis Junii Anno Domini milleſimo quingenteſimo ſexageſimo ſeptimo .

26 Forſamekle as efter the ſchamfull and horrible murther of umquhile the King the Quenis Majeſties late huſband / hir Majeſtie being reviſt with the Erll Boithuile principall and chief authour of the ſaid murther and therefter Joynit with him in maiſt ungodlie and diſhonnorable maner under the name of ane pretendit mariage Continewing in that ſtate to the evident dangeir of the innocent perſoun of our native Princes lyff / and owerthraw and diſtru&tion of the nobilitie and haill ſtate of this common weill / quhill on juſt neceſſitie it behuvit the nobilitie and utheris faithfull ſubje&tis to tak armes for puniſment and revenge of the ſaid murther / Aganis quhome come the ſaid erll Boithuile / leidand the Quenis Majeſtie in his cumpany / and ſchadoand his murther and utheris wicket enormiteis fra puniſment with the cloik of hir au&toritie / And refuſand ſingular combatt / fled and eſchapit himſelf / Hir Majeſtie in the

and thair airis To releve and keip thame ſkaithles of the reſſaving keping and detenying of the Quenis Majeſties perſoun in maner foirſaid And to fortefie mantene and defend thame fra all levand creatures that in the law or by the law wald preſume to perſew or Invade thame for the ſamyn ·

ATHOLL ·	MORTOUN ·
GLENCARNE ·	MAR ·
J · GRAHAME ·	ALEX^{R} · L · HWME ·
SANQUHAR ·	SYMPYL ·
WCHILTRE ·	

Notarial Proteſt at the Caſtle of Lochleven by William Douglas of Lochleven in the preſence of the Queen ·

27 Sanctiſſimo chriſti Inuocato Nomine Amen per hoc preſens publicum Inſtrumentum Cunctis Innoteſcat quod Anno Incarnacionis dominice milleſimo quingenteſimo ſexageſimo ſeptimo menſis vero Julij die vigeſimo octauo Indictione decima Anno Regnj ſereniſſime Regine ſcotorum Marie Anno vigeſimo quarto In mei notam publice et teſtium ſubſcriptorum preſencia Perſonaliter conſtitutus Nobilis vir Willielmus Douglace de lochlevin acceſſit ad perſonalem preſenciam prefate ſupreme domine noſtre Marie Regine ſcotorum prout ſequitur in wlgari And ther exponit and declarit to hir Majeſtie how It wes cumin to his knawlege that hir hienes being within his houſe had be hir lettres ſubſcriuit be hir hand dimittit and ourgevin hir croun and auctorite In fauouris of hir ſone the prince / without the ſaid Williamis knawlege / And alſua he wes Informit that the nobilite and certane vtheris eſtatis of the realme war paſt to Striuiling according to hir hienes ſaid commandiment to croun the prince and Inveſt hym in this kyngdome / And therfore deſirit hir Maieſtie ſen he wes ignorant of hir proceding and of the ſubſcriptione of the ſaidis lettres to the quhilk hir grace anſurit that he was abſent that culd not

knaw hir Maiefties proceding nor ſubſcription and maid na compulſion nor coactione therto noder be word nor deid And than the ſaid William ſaid that it wald pleiſe hir hienes to pas to ſtriueling and ther declair frelie hir awin pleſour and will quhair vnto he offerit hym to convoy hir hienes Quha anſurit that for the preſent ſche culd nocht be prepairit to pas thair bot deſirit the ſaid William that ſche micht remane in his place and vſe hir ſelf at hir eas and quietnes as ſche has done heir to fore Affirmand the lettres quhilkis ſche ſubſcriuit to the effect abone writtin to be of propir motive quhilkis ſche now as of before the ſubſcription therof ratifiit and apprevit In reſpect therof the ſaid Williame proteſtit that hir maieſtie ſuld not be comptit heireftir as captiue or in preſon with hym Quhilk proteſtation hir Maieſtie allowit and admittit De et ſuper quibus omnibus et ſingulis premiſſis ſepefatus Willielmus Douglace A me notario publico ſubnotato ſibi fieri et tradi peciit hoc preſens publicum Inſtrumentum ſiue plura publica Inſtrumenta Acta erant hec apud Lochlevin horam circiter vndecimam ante merediem · · · · ſub Anno die menſe Indictione et regnj antedictis quibus ſupra Preſentibus Ibidem honorabilibus viris videlicet Thoma Diſchinton de Ardroſs Dau · · · · · · · · · · · penſionario de breching Georgio Douglace et thoma cherie notario publico teſtibus ad premiſſa vocatis pariter et Rogatis ꝛc ·

Et ego Joannes feyrn preſbiter ſanctiandree dioceſeos publicus ſacra auctoritate apoſtolica notarius ac dominos per conſilij admiſſus Quia premiſſis omnibus et ſingulis dum ſic vt premittitur dicerentur agerentur et fierent vnacum prenominatis teſtibus preſens perſonaliter interfui Eaque omnia et ſingula ſic fieri vidi dici et audiui ac in notam ſumpſi Ideoque hoc publicum Inſtrumentum manu mea propria fideliter ſcriptum exinde confeci et in hanc publicam Inſtrumenta formam redegi Signoque nomine cognomine et ſubſcriptione meis ſolitis et conſuetis ſignauj ſubſcripſi et roboraui In fidem et teſtimonium veritatis omnium et ſingulorum premiſſorum Rogatus et Requiſitus ·

Joannes Feyrne notarius publicus ·

Commiſſion to reſſave the comptis of gold and ſilver ꝛc ·

28 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and ſindrie oure liegis and ſubdittis to quhais knawlege thir our lettres ſall cum greting Wit ȝe ws with expres conſent and aſſent of oure derreſt couſing James Erll of Murray Lord Abernethie regent to ws oure realme and liegis to have gevin grantit and committit and be thir our lettres gevis grantis and committis oure full power ꝛc to William Maitland of Lithingtoun ȝoungar oure Secretare Maiſter Robert Richertſoun Commendatare of Sanct Marie Ile oure Theſaurare Sir Johne Bellenden of Auchnowle Knycht Clerk of oure Juſticiarie and David Fores Generall of our Cunȝiehous Or ony thrie of thame conjunctlie To reſſave and ſycht the Comptis of all gold and ſilver reſſavit be oure traiſt couſing and counſalour James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeyth fra the Quene our derreſt Moderis ſervandis or utherwayis ſen the tent day of Junij laſt bipaſt to the dait heirof To charge diſcharge and perfyte and fute the ſaidis comptis and the ſamyn attentiklie to ſubſcrive ꝛc Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be oure ſaid derreſt couſing and regent At Edinburgh the xiij day of October And of oure regnne the firſt ȝeir 1567 ·

James Regent

James Earl of Murray Regent to The Laird of Lochleven ·

29 Broder efter our hertlie commendatioun / We haif writtin to Farny for ane buk and to Cleiſhe to gar ſend yow a twn of wyne / As to George Pyngill althocht we think ther be na Inconvenient / howbeit he pas furth or tary In at his pleſure / Ȝit quhill our Returning fra Dumbertane and hering of word out of England It is meitt that he byde ſtill / And ſa ȝe

ſall declair unto him Thus We commit ȝow to God At Stirling In ſum haiſt the iiij of Januar 1567 ·

ȝour brother

Sir William Kirkcaldy of Grange to the Laird of Lochleven ·

30 Rycht honourabill I haue inquyret quhat I cann to gett the trew knawlege of all them that wer of the conſaill and conſpyracye of the Quene taken out of Lochleavin and as ȝit I beleif I haue not gottin the veritye of all thyngis but this far is tauld me · It wes anes myndit to haue tane ȝour gret boitt with diſguyſſet men and ſa cum to the place and tane hir out perforce but ſeyng that ȝe laid vp the gret boitt It wes anes devyſet to haue maid iiij boittis that ſould haue careit xl men in the nycht and lykwys tane hir owt perforce ſeyng that this could not tak effect It wes devyſſit to haue ſtollin men in Sanct Serfis ynche and the moyen ſould haue be drawin be George to haue cauſet ȝow carey the Quene furth to haue playet hir in the ſaid ynche Seyng that all thir iij tuk na effect this laſt wes tane on hand and executed devyſſet be the Quene ſelf George and the lad Willie and Curſſell wes on the conſaill quha reſauit all writyngis meſſages and takens fra Willie ſend be George to the Quene · I can try na may of ȝour ſervandis to be of this conſaill / and ȝit I perſaue Johne Dryſdaill to haue bene a carier of bayth lettres and meſſages fra hir but ſa far as I can learne he wes not dereclye vpone the conſaill of hir way taking but ſuſpected / and that becauſe they did anes ſpaik of the gret bott to hym quhilk thay Juget to be revelit be hym but to ſay the truth It apperis to me the lad Willie wes lang of conſaill / and it wes conſailit hym to tell ȝow that quhilk he tauld ȝow as to them that cam in cumpany with the Lord Seiton I neid not to tell ȝow their names but

James Wartlaw wes their guyd and laid them quyetlye in the hill quhar thay mycht ſe the goyng in and out of the boitt quhen I knaw farther ȝe ſall vnderſtand It and ſa I commit ȝow to the eternall at Edinburgh caſtell the firſt of Junij

ȝouris to his power

To the Rycht honorabill
Lard of Lochlewin .

The dwbill of the Letter ſend to the King of France fra the Nobilite for our Soverane .

31 Pleiſe ȝoure Maieſtie to Reduce to your memorie how we wreit to your Maieſtie of the ewill handilling of our ſouerane Lady be certane of hir wnfaythfull and deſaitfull ſubiectis In quhom ſcho had maiſt confidens and had the haill reule of hir effaris / Be takkin of hir graceis perſoune and haldyn in preſoun and takkyn hir ſtrynthis mwnitioun and all hir ryches Jouellis revenuis and all that ſcho had and left hir na thing / And how thai Intend and ȝitt Intendis to Reif hir bayth of hir lyf and crown and autorite ſene ſcho eſchaipit furtht of thair handis and preſoun . And at thatt tyme we maiſt humblie ſocht ȝoure Maieſteis help and ſupport to hir / be ȝoure Imbaſſadoure Sr de Bevmond ſuttit to hir / to repone and ſtabilis hir Maieſtie In hir awin place and autorite royell And ſiclyk at thatt tyme thair wes with hir grace certane of ws hir nobilite quhay evir hes and wilbe hir faythfull ſubiectis at all tymes / be quhom hir grace deſyrit to be convoyit of Hamiltoun to ane of hir awin ſtrynthis callit Dumbartane (albeit the greiteſt part of hir nobilite with thair forces hir graceis faworaris and aſſiſterris wes nocht cumit to hir) And be the way the Erle of Murray and certane wnnaturall and Inobediens ſubiectis be his and thair conſpyraceis lay In the way for hir diſtruct-

and ſlauchter or ſcho mycht haif paſt to Dumbartane quhair be the temerite and raſchenes of ȝoung men / and Incircumſpect conditt of our folkis thair wes ſum lytill defait of ane part therof to lytill effect / Except takkin and haldin in captyve ſum of our pryncipell men / Quhairby thair freindis and ſeruandis may nocht ſa weill tak armoure to do ſeruice Indwrand the tyme of thair captiuite / And be this ocatioun Oure ſouerrane Lady hes now mair neid of ȝoure Maieſties help and ſupple with ȝour forces nor of befoir · And als ſcho Is cumit In proper perſoun ongaitvort In Ingland to ȝour Maieſtie for to ſeik ȝoure Maieſties help and aſſiſtans · And ſen ȝoure Maieſtie forbearis hes ay bein protectouris and defenderis of this our realme and ane auld leig therapoun betuix tham · Now at this preſent We will maiſt humblie ſwte at ȝoure Maieſties hand to ſchaw and declair In deid ȝoure affectionat kyndnes tovert this realme In haiſte makkin of ſupport to the releif of our ſouerrane that It may be knaving till all contrayis and nationis that ȝe will ſchaw ȝour pryncelie favouris In furtht ſetting of our ſouerrane and mantenying of hir In hir neceſſite Quhairthrow that gif ȝoure Maieſtie ſall haif ado with oure ſeruice in ony tymes cuming / We ſalbe redde to wair our guddis and bodeis In ȝoure Maieſties ſervice As findre of our forbeyaris hes doun of befoir And for our ſelfis we ar all fullie delyuert to ſett fordwort our ſouerrane Lady to hir pryncelie honour and autorite as Juſt heretour of this realme with all our forces bayth of men ſubſtans our landis and lyffis · And that ȝoure Maieſties help and ſupport be heir with all dilligens In ſchort tyme maiſt humblie we deſyre / This eftir our maiſt humlie commendatioun of our ſeruice / Prayis almichty God to preſerue ȝoure Maieſtie Of Dunnoun the

Letter to the Duik of Alva fra the Nobilitie for our Soverane ·

32 Ad Celſitudinem veſtram dum has literulas damus / Illuſtriſſime princeps / hoc tantum In votis habemus / vt quam Indigne / ne dicam Im-

maniter et barbare princeps noſtra Scotorum Regina / ab Anglorum regina tractata ſit et detenta notum et compertum habeas · Noſtra ſiquidem regina (alterius Illecta multiplicibus pollicitis / partim Scriptis / partim ab oratoris ſui ore prolatis / de tutela / auxilio / et protectione Ipſius / contra ſuos quoſdam ſeditioſos hoſtes / rebelles et conſpiratores / qui doloſe et proditorie manus ſceleratas In ipſam coniecerunt / Incarceratam diu detinuerunt / arces et fortalicia dolis et technis Interceperunt / Sceptrum et authoritatem eius regalem vſurpauerunt / eique aſſiſtentes occiderunt) eandem In angliam Ingreſſa eſt / vt Illac proficiſceretur In Galliam et Hiſpaniam · Nihilominus regina noſtra Illic adhuc moram trahente / altera quam pro ſorore habuit reſcidit pacta et conuenta / Sic ut per illa ſtaret quo minus regina noſtra / aut maieſtatis ſue oratores per angliam proficiſcerentur in galliam vel vt ipſa tuta et Incolumis In natale ſolum repedaret atque rediret Id quod principibus omnibus Inuiſum odioſum et abominabile eſſe debet dum audiunt reginam a regina ſpe pollicite amicitie tam Inimice [de]tineri · Quocirca · C · veſtram ſuppliciter obteſtamur / vtpote In quem Regine noſ[tre] ſpes tota ynclinata recumbit vt cauſam eius tam lachrymabilem ſedulo perpendas / et vt Scribas efficaciter ad Anglie reginam / Remque ipſam ob oculos magnificentiſſimi Hiſpaniarum regis proponas / quatenus Ipſe pro regina noſtra cum Anglie regina literis agat aſperrimis / vt vel eius auſpiciis libertate donetur ut citra Impedimentum In galliam ſi velit proficiſcatur / vel In patriam ſuam reuertatur · Principum revera eſt principibus opitulari [potius] quam oppreſſos et peſ[ſunda]tos remorari et in arcta cuſtodia concludere [Nunquam n]os fugit qua formidabilis quamque terribilis ſit · C · veſtra regine anglorum / et Literis tuis [amiciſſ]imis non mediocre calcar illi addetur · Lectis Interim literis veſtris aliorumque principum Actiſque et proceſſibus quibus vſa eſt in Regine noſtre maieſtatem / longe Infra regalem honorem et dignitatem / ad amuſſim trutinatis et perpenſis / movebit ipſam haud dubie vt regine noſtre Iter patefaciat vt libere regni ſui limites egredi poſſit · Quia ſi Amplitudo veſtra regine noſtre excellentiam tantam proſequatur gratitudine / Nos qui Maieſtati

eius per omnia obſequimur perpetuo · C · veſtre obnoxios effeceris · Itidem ardentiſſimis votis humilime precamur ut nobis preſidio eſſe velis / militibus aliquot et munitionibus bellicis huc miſſis ad regine noſtre ſublimitatem ad recuperandas expugnandaſque arces Ipſius / que ab eius aduerſariis fallaciter Intercipiebantur · Apud Largis penultimo die menſis Julij 1568 ·

Per veſtre illuſtriſſime celſitudinis
obſequitiſſimos ·

This preſent Is to certifie ȝour · C · of the wncurtis and Inhumane handilling (ne dicam barbaricam) of our ſouerrane the Quenis Maieſtie of Scotland be the Quene of Ingland · Quha wnder the hoip of the greit and monifauld promis of the ſaid Quein of Ingland bayth be wrytingis and hir Imbaſſadouris ſpeikin of the ſupple affiſtans and mantennyng of hir agane ane certane of hir awyne rebellis and conſpiratouris (that had falſlie be treſſoun pwt handis in hir perſoun and lang haldin in captiuite takin of hir ſtrynthis / wſurpyng of hir authorite and crovne and ſlaying of hir men affiſtant to hir) Intrat In Ingland to haif cumit throucht to France and to Spanȝe · Nochttheles our Quein being within that realme / the fair promeſſis wer brokkin and forȝet ſa that ſcho wald noder tholl our Quein to pas throw hir cuntre to France nor hir Imbaſſadoris nor ȝit hir ſelf returne hame frelie to hir avin cuntre as ȝit · quhilk is ane odius thing to all prences to heir ſic wnfrindfull handilling wnder the promeſs of freindſchep and kyndnes · Quhairfor We maiſt humblie beſeikis ȝour C · as he quhom Intill our Quein maiſt ſpecielly confydis In / to pondir hir cauſe · And to wreit expreſſe and effectuſlie to the Quein of Ingland (mein It to the maiſt magnifik the kyng of Hiſpan ȝour ſouerrane to writ ſcharplie to the Quein of Ingland) to thoill hir odir to cum to France or returne hyr to hir awin cuntre and nocht to ſtay hir · quhilk is all prynces partis rather to ſupport prynces that ar oppreſſit or Iniurit be thair awin ſubiectis nor to hald thame captyve · We knaw the Quein of

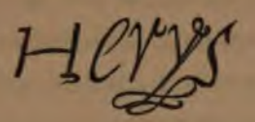
Ingland ſtandis in gretar feir of ȝour · C · and ȝour gud and ſcharp wryting will cauſs hir do mekill And quhen ſcho ſeis ȝour · C · letter and wther prynces · And als ſeand hir awin procedingis tovert our ſouerane ſa fer agane all pryncelie honour and dignite It will cauſe hir delyuir our Quein owt of hir realme / And ȝour · C · doand this gratitud to our Quein and ſouerrane ſall addett ws that ar faythfull ſervandis and ſubiectis to hir Maieſtie to ȝour ſeruice And als we maiſt humblie beſeik ȝour · C · with help of ane part of ȝour ſoldartis and mvnitioun to our ſouerane to recover hir ſtrynthis quhilkis ar falſlie tane be the conſpyratouris that Is contrar to hir ·

Lord Hereis to the Archbiſhop of Sanct Andrews ·

33 My Lord efter my hartlie commendationis of ſeruice I reſſauit ane writtin of my lord of ergylis this fryday at twa houris in the mornyng deſyrand me to be vpone ſonday in Glaſgo with my freindis and folkis My Lord I haue writin to his Lordſhip that glaſgo is far furth of my way And I cane nott ſa far laive my cuntre haveand ſa mony ennemeis behind my hand bot vpone ſum gret purpois being fullie aduerteiſt therof befoir / I haue promeiſt to be vpone monday at evin about Crafurd John or vpone the head of the watter of Douglas quhilk in a manner is all ane And gyf his Lordſhip thair will aduerteis me that nycht quhat gud reſolutioun he has fullie determinat with the adwyſe of ȝour Lordſhip I will ſett fordwart to it and thairin do my vtter power · ȝour Lordſhip knawis rycht weill that glaſgo is rycht far fra me and werie troubleſum to bring my folkis throw thay cuntreis and quhen we ſkall and I haid neuer ſafar ſaid in the contrarie thay will tak our freindis geir or thay want / And therfoir I wald be werie laithe ȝe in a manner I cane nocht weill cum ſua far doun in that cuntre And as ȝour Lordſhip knawis to cum throw Douglaſdaile and the head of Cliddiſdaile and Drumlangrik and thair fauoraris thair till haue thame ſa lang aduerteiſt to ly in my way

in my returne / it is nocht efy to be done And therfoir this is to be adwyfit in his Lordfhips directionis · I wnderftand that the day of our foirfaltour is the xviij day · alffar as mycht convenientlie be I wald that foirnoin paft or we invaidit thame ffor that we mycht declair to the Quene of Ingland it come of thair perfut the breking of the commonyng fche haid appointit / howbeit I wnderftand be Gavis Riche quha is laitlie cumit fra the Erle of Murray that he menis nocht to keip his writtin maid to the faid Quene faying the lordis his fallois ar diffparit and will nocht gyf him leve nochtwithftanding he intendis efter the parliament to fend twa or thre in Ingland for to reffoun that matter gyf the Quene will fa accept it oppinyng thir headis to zour Lordfhip fpecialie becaus I was ane fpekar in to it with the Quene and counfale of Ingland avaiting vpone zour commandement one monday at evin vpone the head of Douglas watter defyring zour Lordfhip to refpect quhat inconvenient it is to me to pas to glafgo except I fe thairin befoir fik vrgent neceffitie Leving to trouble zow farder I pray God haue zow in his keipyng Off Lochmaben the xiij of Auguft at twa houris in the mornyng 1568 ·

Zour Lordfhip to command with feruice at my power ·



To my Lord My Lord Arifbifchop of Sanctandros ·

Mary Queen of Scots to the Archbifhop of Sanct Andrews ·

34 Reuerend fader · We greit zow veill · We haif reffauit zour vrytingis be the bifchope of Rofs and hes vnderftand the famyn We haif vrittin in ciphere to my Lord Flemyng quha will mak zow participant therof And fall wryt to zow at mair lenth quhen the nixt occafioun fervis Referring the reft thairto and to zour gud difcretioune Swa committis zow to the

protectioune of God Almychtie Off Bowtoune the xxvij of ſeptember 1568 .

Zour gnd Cusignes
Marie R

To Ane Reuerend fader The Archibiſchop of Sanctandrois .

Copy of my Lord Argill Cypher fra the Quene xvj Decembris [1568 —]

35 As to the eſtait of my effaris I dowt nott bot ȝe haif outherſtand at [illegible] convention in Ȝork our rebellis wes confundit in all that thay culd all[illegible] als for covering of thair inſurrection and impreſonyng of me perſavi[illegible] the quhilk thay did ſaymekill be moyen of ſum of the Queyn of In[illegible] landis miniſteris that aganis hir promeſe ſche hes lattin thame haif h[illegible] preſens and to colour thair cummyng towart hir ſaid ſche wald hir ſe[illegible] outherſtand the continvation of this conferens to the effect the ſammy[illegible] ſuld be the mair promptle endit with ſum happy owtgait to my honou[illegible] and contentment / and therfor deſyrit that ſum of my commiſſionaris ſul[illegible] pas towart hir immediately / Bot the procedingis hes ſenſyne ſchawin i[illegible] wes nocht the But ſche ſchoit at for the mater hes beyn prolongit be[illegible] delayis / in the meyn tyme the rebellis practeſit ſecreitly with hir and hi[illegible] miniſteris Sway thay haif convenit and accordit that my ſone ſalbe[illegible] deliverit in hir handis to be nvreſit in the cuntre as ſche ſall think guid [illegible] Item declaring hym to be abill to ſuccede eftir hir dethe in kaiſe ſche[illegible] haif na ſucceſſione of hir bodye / and that for hir ſecurite the caſtellis o[illegible] Edinburgh and Sterling ſalbe in the Inglis menis keping on the ſai[illegible] Quenis expenſis / Item with hir moyen and concurrens of the erle o[illegible] Murraye and his adherentis the caſtell of Dunbartan ſalbe aſſegit an[illegible] tane owt of Flemynis handis and lyikwyis randerit to the Quene of In[illegible]

landis behuif and keping Provyding that the premiſſis be kepit ſche hes promiſit to ſupport and mantein the erle of Murray and his adherentis in the vſurpatione of my authorite / and cauſe hym be declarit legittime to ſuccede to the crowne of Scotland efter the deceſs of my ſaid ſone in kaiſe he be but barnis gottin of his bodie And thairby the erle of Murraye ſall acknawlege to hald the realme of Scotland in few of the Quene of Ingland / this is all the equite of my cauſe (the congnoſcens of the quhilk I traiſtit in the ſaid Queyn) hes beyn reverſit and miſerabille ſauld for the rwyne of my realme gyf God and guid ſcottis hartis of my ſaythfull ſubiectis Remeid nocht the ſammyne / ȝit this is nocht all / thair is ane wthir intelligence and ligue mair ſecreit betuix the erle of Murraye and the erle of Harford quhay ſuld marie ſecretar Cecillis dochthir that dreſſis all thir drachthis The quhilk legue the ſaidis erle of Murraye and Harford ſuld manteine and fortefye ilk ane wther in the ſucceſſioun that ilk ane of tham pretendis on his awine ſyid that is to ſaye / the erle of Murraye on the ſyid of my realme be raſoun of the ſaid Legittimatione And the erle of Harford on the ſyid of Ingland becaus of vmquhyill Dame Katharene on quhom he begat twa barnis / Sway thay will bayth be bent to my ſonnis dethe / quhay beyng anis owt of my ſubiectis handis quhat cann I hoip for bot ane lamentabill tragedie ? Thir things ar concludit amangis the chief of my rebellis and the antient and naturall enymeis of my realme / And thair reſtis nay thing now bot moyen to eſtablis and aſſuir the ſaid erle of Murraye in his vſurpacione / To begin the ſammyne thay wald haif perſuadit me be craft to haif liberallie demittit my crowne and conſent to the regencie of the ſaid erle of Murraye And to cauſe me condiſcend to ſik ane vnhappye thyng thair hes beyn all craft with boſting and fair promeſis that wes poſſibill / Bot ſeyng I wes reſoluit to do nay thing therin to thair profeit the Queyne of Ingland hes namit new commiſſionaris with thayme that wes all radye deput in nummer of the quhilk the ſaid Cecill and wtheris of his factione ar therin And nocht permitting me to paſs thair and declair my awin reformis that thay wald haif pretendit in the ſaid conference Quhilk

beyng brokin for contravenyng that the ſaid Queyn of Ingland hes maid of hir promeſis quhilk wes that ſche ſuld nocht permit the erle of Murraye cum in hir preſence affoir that the ſaid conference wes endit And Mairattour that thair ſuld be nay thing dwin to the preiudice of my honour eſtait and rycht that I may haif in this cuntre eftir hir / My ſaidis commiſſionaris left the ſaidis conference the ſext of this mvneth with ſolempnit proteſtacionis that all quhilk war dwin thairin to my preiudice in ony ſort ſalbe null and of nay effect nor valour / And thairon thay ar deliberat to cum away ſay ſwne as thay maye / Quhairof I thocht guid to adverteiſs ȝou to the effect that ȝe may ondirſtand the verite of the mater / and informe ȝour freyndis of the ſamyne I pray ȝe to aſſembill all my fathfull ſubiectis togidder and fyrſt releve the caſtell of Dumbartane fray Invading therof be rebellis as I haif wryttin to Huntlie to cum forthervartis in ȝour affiſtance and do all hyndir and ewill ȝe may to the ſaidis rebellis And ſtoppe thair returnyng haymvart gyf it may be poſſibill for thaye wilbe radye affoir ȝou gyf ȝe mak nocht haiſt Sway ȝe beyng all togyddir aſſemblit in conventione nocht fering that I ſall diſchairge ȝe in ȝour procedingis as I did the laſt tyme / ȝe ſall declair and ſchawe publictly be oppin proclamation the foirſaid conſpirace and traſone quhilk the rebellis hes conſperit aganis the weill of the realme Intending to put the ſammyn to execution to the wtir diſtructione therof gyf thay be nocht ſtoppit in dew tyme And thairfor gyf ȝe with my haill fathfull ſubiectis and all trew ſcottis hartis will do diligence to ſtoppe the performatione of thair intention and hyndir thaym of this wyntyr tyid quhilk maiſt erniſtly ȝit as of befoir I pray ȝoue to do We ar maiſt aſſuirit that on the ſpring of the ȝeir ȝe ſall haif ſufficient releif of wthir freyndis ·

This is the Copy of my ſephar quhilk your Lordſhip ſall raſaue ·

Argyle

The Earl of Huntly to Mary Queen of Scots ·

6 Pleis your Maieſtie ſen my laſt diſpeche to your hines I come heir to Aberdeine quhair I had of befoire prowidit to remane ane part of this winter And prewenit ſum part be reſſone of your Maieſties laſt lettre ſchawand me to hawe beine debarrit frome halding of ſwm courttis heir quhilk your hienes may perſawe to be bot factionis for I firſt dreſſit me to the north partis quhair I tuik ordour for your hienes ſerwice And now hes done the lyk heir for the proweſt of Aberdene hes randerit all to me in your Maieſties name And I hawe his howſs ȝit in my poſſeſſioune And alſs his pledge for his ſerwice to ȝour Maieſtie In all tymis heirefter / by his the haill townifchippis ſubſcriptioune of ane generall band to the ſamyn effect Swa that with Goddis helpe your Maieſtie ſall fynd your ſerwice weill adwancit in thir partis quha ewir wald the contrar Als the erle of Atholl hes bene at ane conwentioun in Dundie quhair he deſyrit all the noble men and barronis to cum that he belewit fawourit - - · · · · · him ſelf or the erle of Murray in Angowſs mernis or the north partis that be · · · adwyſis he mycht hawe exceptit the lewetennendrie of the ſaid erle of Murray · · · nane come thair bot Robert Dowglaſs callit erle of Bochane the lord Glamys · · · lardis of Inuerforrettie Pittarrow Maſter James Halyburtoun and the proweſt of ſanctandrois The erle of Atholl hes contenewit his conwentioun to the xij day of this moneth / quhat procedis thair your Maieſtie ſalbe aduertifit Alwayis gif the erle of Atholl except ſic office with Goddis helpe your grace ſall heir that his commoditie thairby ſall be ſmall efter the making of the premiſſis I reſſauit thre of your Maieſties lettres the thrid day of this moneth And ane of the dait the vj day of december Ane vther the xvij day and the laſt fra George Skynner him ſelf the firſt twa be my Lord Arbrothokis conwoy thankand your Maieſtie humblie of your graceis aduertiſment and newis and perſawis thairby the vnthankfulnes of your hienes awin ſubiectis to quhome your grace hes ſchawin ſa greit

guidnes And yit I traiſt in God that he ſall mowe the Quene of Ingland to confidder the Rycht of your graceis cawſe and hir awin preparatiue And vther princes gif this be ſufferit vnpuniſſit . . . . . ſall tak ſic ordour for your Maieſties honour as becumis ane prince to do for ane vther And as to the perticullarris contenit in your Maieſties lettre I ſall leif na thing vndone ſafar as my ſobir Judgement or power may to the adwancement of your graceis ſerwice Als the biſchope of Roſs howſs wes ſtollin be my Lord of Murrayis ſerwandis and ane ſerwand of the biſchopis ſlaine And Incontinent therefter in Kynloſs the tutour of Lowett And the archeden of Roſs aſſeigit the ſam agane with xij^e men that it wes recowerit agane within xxiiij houris And the men tane and Juſtefiett forther quhat ſerwice pleiſs your Maieſtie command me with ſall be ewir fulfillit efter my power And this ꝛc· Efter maiſt humbill commendatioune of my ſerwice to your hienes prayis the eternall God to be your graceis preſerwer in gud health and proſperows ſucceſs in all your Maieſties cawſis At Aberdene the viij day of Januar 1568 ·

The wedder hes bene ſa ewill heir this tuentie dayis paſt that it wes nocht poſſible till ane to trawell vtherwayis I ſuld hawe maid your Maieſtie ſowner aduertiſit of my procedingis In this cuntrie quhair I am now occupyit in halding cowrttis for your Maieſties obedience ꝛc· ·

Zour Maieſties humbill and obedient ſubiect and ſervitour ·

HUNTLIE ·

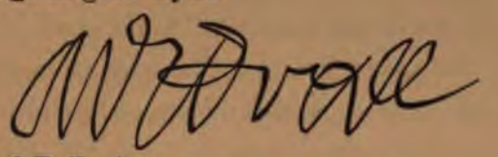
To the Quene ·

The Earl of Argyll to the Proveſt and Baillies of Edinburgh ·

37 Treſt freindis eftir my hartle commendatioun this preſent ſalbe to aduerteis zow that we are informit be our ſouerane Ladeis vrittin how the Erll of Murray intendis to deliuer our prince the caſtellis of Edinburgh and Striueling in Inglifmenis handis for the vter Rewyne of this realme and nobilitie therof / and therfor We thocht guid to mak publik

proclamationis of the ſamyn to latt all ſcottis men knaw the ſamyn that thai pretend na ignorance therin · Heirfoir hes ſend to ȝow ſiklyk to aduerteiſs ȝow therof ane copie of the ſaid proclamatioune to be proclamit at the mercat croce of Edinburgh to lat all guid ſcottis men knaw the veritie The quhilkis we pray ȝow ger proclame the ſame as ve dout nocht bot ȝe will do / and ſua committis yow to God Of Glaſgw the xj day of Januar anno 1568 ·

Ȝour guid frynd ·



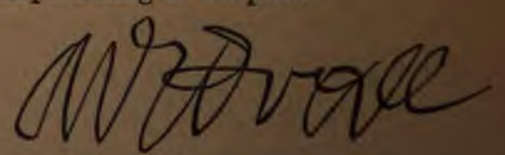
To our treſt freindis the Proueiſt and Bailȝeis of Edinburgh ·

The Earl of Argyll to the Archbiſhop of Sanct Andrews ·

38 My Lorde eftir hertlie commendationis I reſſauit your Lordſhippis lettir this xxvj of Januare efter none togidder with ane pakatt of the Quenis Maieſtie ſent to me and hes decyphirit the ſaming quhairof I will nocht writ to your Lordſhip at this preſent bot referris to meting · I perſaue na thing therin bot gude like as I beleif your Lordſhip hes reſſauit the lyke / as to my directionis to the gentill men of nychttiſdaill and galloway I direcit the ſaming to thame / how ſone I ſend to your Lordſhip the wther lettres · As to the inſtrumentis tane be my Lord of Huntlie and me at the deliuering of the prince to the erle of Mar I ſall ſend to Johnne Grahme for the ſaming quhilk I doubt nocht to get · As to the cuming of the Abbot of Dryburghe to ſpeik with your Lordſhip I am verie glaid therof ſua that ther intentis be to be the Quenis Maieſtie trew ſeruandis and I doubt nocht bot it is hir will that all thai that may be drawin to hir ſeruice be acceptit gif thai will knaw ther dewitie / As to the reſt of Wille Bellis ſpeiking of reportis the ſaming halily is nocht to be fermlie creditit

at all tymes bot ſafer as thai ar confortable latt tham ſtand in effect as thai ar · As to the gathering of our aduerſarie partie I will nocht ſtur thairat for gif we ferit ther convenyngis we ſould nocht gather · And it is ſua now that ather man we be maiſter of the feildis or ellis thai / and as to oure cumpany at the leiſt (gif we be nocht ma) we ſalbe na fewar nor we promeſt · As to the chargis to be maid to the men of the Levenax as your Lordſhip writis becaus I am nocht ſaweill practeſit therwith as your Lordſhip is ȝe ſall caus mak thame to ſik men as ye pleis and haiſt thame to me and I ſall ſubſcrive and ſignet the ſaming and ſend tham to yow agane Sua that thai may be execute be ane officer of armes becaus I haif nocht ane heir of my awin and lat thaim be chargit to ſik day as your Lordſhip pleſis / quhilk ȝe ſall leif out quhill thai cum abak fra me agane / And as for the dounſending of my peiſs I haif had ſeruandis awaytand daly ſen the beginning of this eiſt wynd to haif brocht hir doune and thai mycht neuer remoif of this coiſt bot how ſone poſſible thai may travell the ſaming wilbe at your Lordſhip alwayis thocht the wedder ſtay hir I ſall God willing cum forwardis myſelf with my cumpany Praying yow to caus the wrychtis do the thing thai cann for hir grathing quhill ſche cum doun hir ſelf / I thank your Lordſhip hartly of the reſt of the novellis contenit in your Lordſhippis lettre and So referring the reſt to new aduertiſment or meting having no Forder occaſioun to writt preſently Committis your Lordſhip to the Almychtie God Off Strachquhur this xxvij daye of Januare 1568 Forder I pray your Lordſhip to aduertis me gif ye be myndit to ſend the man away to the Quenis Maieſtie that I may writ ſum cypheris to hir hienes with him and to ſtay him ane quhile quhill I be aduerteſit therof that I may ſend my writtingis with him to the Quenis grace ·

Ȝour Lordſhips Coſing at his pwar ·



To my Lorde of Sanctandrois ·

Charge to ſerche and apprehend Thomas Irland ·

39 Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin We charge ȝou in our Soverane Lordis name To ſerche ſeik tak apprehend bring and preſent before ws at Sanctandrois or quhair it ſalhappin ws to be for the tyme Thomas Irland in the parrochyn of Portmook upoun the ſext day nixteftir the preſenting of this Valentyne to ȝow As ȝe will anſuer upoun the generall band and under the panis contenit in the ſamyn Subſcrivit with our hand At Sanctandrois the vj day of Maij the ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxix ȝeris ·

JAMES REGENT ·

Charge to deliver the Abbay and place of Melroſe to William Douglas of Lochleven ·

40 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Meſſingeris ꝛc· ·

We charge ȝou ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge all and ſindrie havaris keparis withhaldaris and indwellaris of the Abbay and place of Melros with the ȝairdis or ony thing belanging to the ſaid place To rander and deliver the ſamyn to Williame Douglas of Lochlevin fader and lauchfull adminiſtratour to James Douglas his ſone Commendatare of the ſaid Abbay To be kepit be the ſaid Williame to his utilitie and proffit ꝛc· · And ſiclyke that ȝe command and charge Sir Walter Scott of Branxholme knycht baillie of Melros To ſe thir our lettres put in executioun ꝛc· · Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid deareſt Couſing and Regent At Sanctandrois the xvj day of Maij And of our regnne the ſecund ȝeir 1569 ·

James Regent

Teſtificat be ſome Monks of Melros of their being compelled to ſubſcryve the Earl of Bothwells feu ·

41 Be It Kend Till all men To quhome thir preſentis ſalbe ſene Ws brethair of the Abbay of Melros and the leſs pairt of the convent thairof vnderwritting / haiſing reſpect to God and gud conſcience and for the werray zeill and luſe that ather of ws beris to the eternall trewth and for the exoneratioun of conſcienſis Be this preſent teſtimoniall affirmis ratyſeis and apprevis that the few that we ſubſcriuit to James erle Bothwell wes ſubſcriuit by all gud ordour for werray dredour and feir of our lyſis and tynſyll of our levyngis quha ſaid In preſens of diuers honorable men that he ſuld exyle ws of the place of Melros tak the keis of our chalmeris frome and ſchortle burne and mark ws with het keis on our chykkis with mony vther Iniurious wordis · And therfor as we ſall anſuer befor the eternall our God quhateuer we did in his fauouris we did the ſamyn for werray feir of our lyffis nocht haiffing reſpect to God nor gud conſciens common weill of the cuntre nor ȝit our awin wyllis bot as ſaid is for werray feir Be this our teſtimoniall Subſcriuit with our handis AT Melros the xviij day of September 1569 Befor thir witneſis Jhone Stewart of Aldone Robert Wallace in Melros and William Lynlythgw in Drygrange with vtheris diuers ·

THOMAS MEYN ·
JHONE FOURROIS ·

I Jhone Fourrois confeſſis be this preſent to hawe ſubſcriuit James erle Boutwell fewe In name and behalf of Alexander Bellendan quha culd nocht requhyr me to do the ſamyn bot for feir dyd for hyme as for myſelf ·

BERNARD BOWSTON ·

quhilkis ar neceſſair to be obteyned for the welefair of ȝour brotheris
poſterite and poor ſerwandis and help of his creditouris to whais ſuffy-
ciencye I refer the reſt frome Sanctandrois the fyift of februar 1569.

ȝour ſeſter hartly at powir.

ANNAS KEYTH.

[To my brother the Laird of Lochlevin.]

Decreit Arbitral betuix Gabriell Merſer of Sawling and George Dury —

44 We Patrik Lord Lyndeſay of the byres Robert commendatar of Du[redacted]
fermeling and Sr James Balfour of Pittendreiche knycht preſident of th[redacted]
college of Juſtice Juges arbitratouris and amicable compoſitouris choſ[redacted]
for the part of David Dury of that Ilk takand the burding vpone hi[redacted]
for George Dury his bruthir german on that ane parte And Willia[redacted]
Douglas of Lochlewin Sr William Scott of balweyrie knycht and Robe[redacted]
Coluill of cleiſhe Juges arbitratouris and amicable compoſitouris choſ[redacted]
for the parte of ane nobill and potent Lord Johnne erle of Mar Lo[redacted]
Erſkyn takand the burding vpon him for Gabriell Merſer of Sawling [redacted]
that vther perte Anent the hurting of the ſaid Gabriell Merſer and mut[redacted]
lation of Charles Painter his ſeruand And als anent the ſclauchter
vmquhill Dauid Fynlayſone ſeruand to the ſaid George Dury commit[redacted]
in the moneth of ſeptember laſt bypaſt wyth all vther materis actio[redacted]
and cauſſis that ſtandis In variance and queſtion betuix thame therane[redacted]
as the compromit maid therupone of the dait the xvj day of Maij Inſta[redacted]
mair fullie beiris Haveing harde proponit and layit out befoir ws t[redacted]
clamis allegeances anſueris and defenſſis of athers parties wyth ſik c[redacted]
nitioun and knawlege of the beginning occaſioun and committing of [redacted]
hurting of the allegit mutulatioun and ſlauchter foirſaid Eftir lang refo[redacted]
ing and conference therupone triall and vnderſtanding of the veritie God
and gude conſcience being befoir Eis All in voce wyth conſent of the
ſaidis burding takkaris and perteis thame ſelffis Decernis Decreittis and
for band and ſentence arbitrall finall pronuncis and deliueris that the ſaid

George Dury ſall In preſens of the ſaid Gabriell Merſer and his freindis the day off Compeir and preſent him ſelff opinlie in this toun of Sanctandris as thai ſall think gude and thair declare and confeſs that the hurting of the ſaid gabriell and mutulatioun of his ſeruand wes done vpone na foirthocht felony malice Invy nor hid heitred bot chanceit and caſuall happinnit vpone ſuddentey vithout ony motioun preceiding And for amendis ſall grant he hes offendit the ſaid gabriell is penitent for the ſamin and require meiſt Inteirlie reconciliatioun wyth the ſaid gabriell and to remayn in preſence familiaritie freindſchipe and kyndnes lyk as ſic accidentis and occaſioun of trublis had neuir happinnit nor fallin betuix thame And according therto We decern thame to ſtand in amitie kyndnes lufe and freindſchipe in all tymes cuming And that all actioun that may redound vpoun the trublis forſaidis may be removit and ceis Ordanis the ſaid Gabriell Merſer to delyuer ane Lettre of ſlanis and diſcharge to the ſaid George Dury for the ſaid mutulatioun of his ſervand and of all ſkayth and danger that may Inſhew thairfoir and of all actioun and caus that may be movit aganis thame for the ſamin in the maiſt ſure and ample forme for the ſaid george and his ſeruandis weill and ſecuritie as ſalbe dewiſit be thame And ſiclik decernis and ordanis the ſaid Gabriell the ſam day and place to cum in preſens of the ſaid George Dury and his freindis and thair declair and publiclie confeſs the ſaid vmquhill dauid fynlayſone wes ſlane ſair aganis his will and that he mycht nocht than ſtope nor ſtay the ſamin and ȝit is penitent for the ſchlauchtir committing and cravis forgifnes to the ſaid charlis paintar his ſeruand for the ſamen And that he ſall enter in reconciliatioun with the ſaid George Dury and remayn in familiaritie freindſchipe lufe and kindnes in all tymes cuming removing all Rancour malice and grudge contermit or hade aganis him be occaſioun of the ſaid ſlauchtir And als ordanis the ſaid George to giff and deliuer to the ſaid Gabriell and his ſeruand ane ſufficient lettre of flanis and diſcharge of the ſamin ſlauchtir of all ſkeyth danger and perell thai may Incur thairfor and of all actioun and caus thai may haiff aganis thame for the ſamin in maiſt ſure and ample forme ſalbe dewyſit And als

We ordane the ſaid Charlis Paintar to compeir befoir the Abbot of Dunfermeling vpoune the xxij day of this Inſtant and thair in his preſens require forgifnes of the ſaid vmquhill dauid fynlayſouns breider for the ſlauchter committit be him aganis the ſaid vmquhill dauid And this oure decreit arbitrall in all pointis befoir writtin We decern to ſtand in ſtrenth and effect in all tymes heireftir but revocation or agancalling quhatſumeuir In witnes quhairoff We with the ſaidis perteis in takin of thair conſent heirto hes ſubſcriuit the ſamin with our handis At

the day off The ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxix ȝeiris ·

JHON ERLE OF MAR · S^r J · BALFOUR OF PYTTYNDREYCH ·

WILLIAME DOUGLAS OF LOCHLEUIN ·

Letter from the Lords of Scotland to Elizabeth Queen of England ·

45 May it pleis ȝour Majeſtie knawing be long experience and ſecreit conference (quhilk natour did procure) the grete and erniſt affectioun that noble man the leitt Regent of this realme bure to ȝowr Majeſties ſeruice and how far he wald haiff vtterit the ſame to ȝour Majeſties contentement giff it had pleſitt God to haiff grantit langer ſik ane ſervand to ȝoure heychnes and our ȝoung maiſter and his ſubiectis ſik ane gouernoure And thairfoir hawing that honour to be his bruther and of natour and dewitie mair neir towchit wyth the vnnaturall and vnvorthie takene away of ſa notable ane Inſtrumentt frome his cuntrey and all that crawit the continuance of the purytie of the religioun the amitie and quietnes of boith the realmes and conſequentlie ȝoure Majeſties ſeruice and ſureity of ȝoure couſing our ſoueran and beyth the realmis from Invaſioun of Strangearris I knaw nocht ather to quhom mair Juſtlie I can or may lament and deploir the creuall morther of ſik ane Innocent prince nor to ȝoure Majeſtie Nocht doubting bot as ȝour Majeſtie wes dureing his dayis ſa gude and fauorable ane maiſtres and freind to him and wpone the vther parte he ſa faythfull and trew ſerwand to ȝour

for the avancement of the Kingis Majeſtie oure ſoverane Lordis authoritie and ſervice And in perſute and ſeikene of the revenge of the ſaid murthour aganis the authoris dewiſaris fortifiarris and mentenaris of the ſame as in honour noble and honeſt men profeſſing ane quarrell aucht to do And thereon we ſall beſtow and wair oure lyffis and guidis and neuir ſchrink nor ſeparat this our convictioun for ony caus bot quhatſumevir actioun ſalbe attemptit and execute be ony of ws tending to this end or giff ony of us in proſecutioun of this quarrell ſufferis harme We ſall eſteme the ſamin commoun and elik deir to ws as we will anſuer to God and upoun our honouris treuthis and honeſteis And under the pane of perpetuall Infamy and perjury giff ony of ws feillis or dois in the contrar In witnes heiroff We haiff ſubſcrivit thir preſentis with our handis as followis at the dayis and places particularie efterſpecifiet

GLENCARN RUTHVEN SYMPYLL ALLAN LORD CATHCART
MAR PATRICK L. LYNDSAY WCHILTRE

Patrick Lord Lindſay to the Laird of Lochleven.

47 Brother efter my moſt hartly commendatioun Pleis ȝow to wyte that the Superintendend hes written ane letter to me quhilk ȝe ſall reſauc fra this berar and luk quhatt ȝe think beſt to be done in the matter advyſe and advertiſe me agane and in lykmaner I think beſt ȝe ryd ȝourſelf to the Lords and gett ther myndis therintill quhat is beſt to be done and ther effter we may do / I reffar the reſt to the Berer quho to gyff creditt / I will nocht trubbill ȝow to longer letter bot command me to ȝour mother and to ȝour bedfellow and ſwa committis ȝou to God Of the Stincher the xxvj of marche 1570.

Be ȝours at puer.
PATRICK L. LYNDSAY.

To my Brother the Laird of Lochleuyn Delyuer this.

Dame Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven ·

48 Bruther after my maiſt hartlie commendatioun · I haif wnderſtand be diuers meanis that for na laubouris I can mak Hendrie Lawmonthe and wtheris Joynit wyth hym will nocht be content I haif my awne habulliamentis ſeparatit frome the reſt of the geir arreſtit be hym and ſeildome hes bene ſene that gentilvemenis geir and ornamentis ſuld be thus trublit and ſtayit for thair huiſbandis Dettis · I will hartlie deſyir ȝow for the favour of hym that reſtis wyth God that ȝe will caus me be red of ſic faſchius men and vnpleaſand buſynes and that I may haif my clething and ſic thingis as concernis my bodie relewit that I may tranſport my neceſſaris and lat thai gentilmen wſe the reſt of that geir as thay pleis and as thay think thay will anſwer thairfoir / for as to me I will nawayis meddle thairwith nayther wald I wiſche it war loiſt bot wald pray ȝow for the wele of ȝour brutheris barnis to caus ſum truſtie ſeruand of ȝouris will the proweſt and baillies tranſport the ſame out of the ſchipe and place it in the garderobe quhair It wes or ony wthir ſwir houſe taking ane Juſt Inventarie thairof befoir autentik perſounis vnto my cuming ſowth quhen God pleſis to mak me hable And then wyth ȝour advwiſe ordour may be takin wyth that and all wther thingis for the weile of the barnis and quhen the cowfferis ar ſeyrchit that may awne geir may be deliuerit to my ſervandis depending thairvpoun mair nor this monethe bygane · this favour I will craif of ȝow that ȝe will trawaill wyth my Lordis ſeruandis for this my reaſonable requeiſt as my truſt is ȝe will do the ſame and nocht ſuffer me thus to be handillit wythout deſerving · I knaw nocht to quhome rathar I ſuld meine me vnto nor vnto ȝow And my truſt is to fynd ȝow ane faythfull bruther and loving freind wnto my barnis ay and quhill ȝe ſall ſie me deſerue wthirvayis quhilk God willing ȝe ſall neuir Lett malitius toungis be talking the werſt thai can that hes nocht lernit to ſpeik weile · The reſt of all beſines and

ſpecialie concerning the mater of Buchquhane I refar to maiſter Jhone Wod berar heirof · to quhome I truſt ȝe will gif credyt and ſa after my hartlie commendatiounis to my mother and my ſiſter ȝour bedfallow · I commit ȝow to God frome Dunnotter the xxvj Day of marche 1570 ·

Ȝour ſiſter at hir power ꝛc· ·

ANNAS KEYTH ·

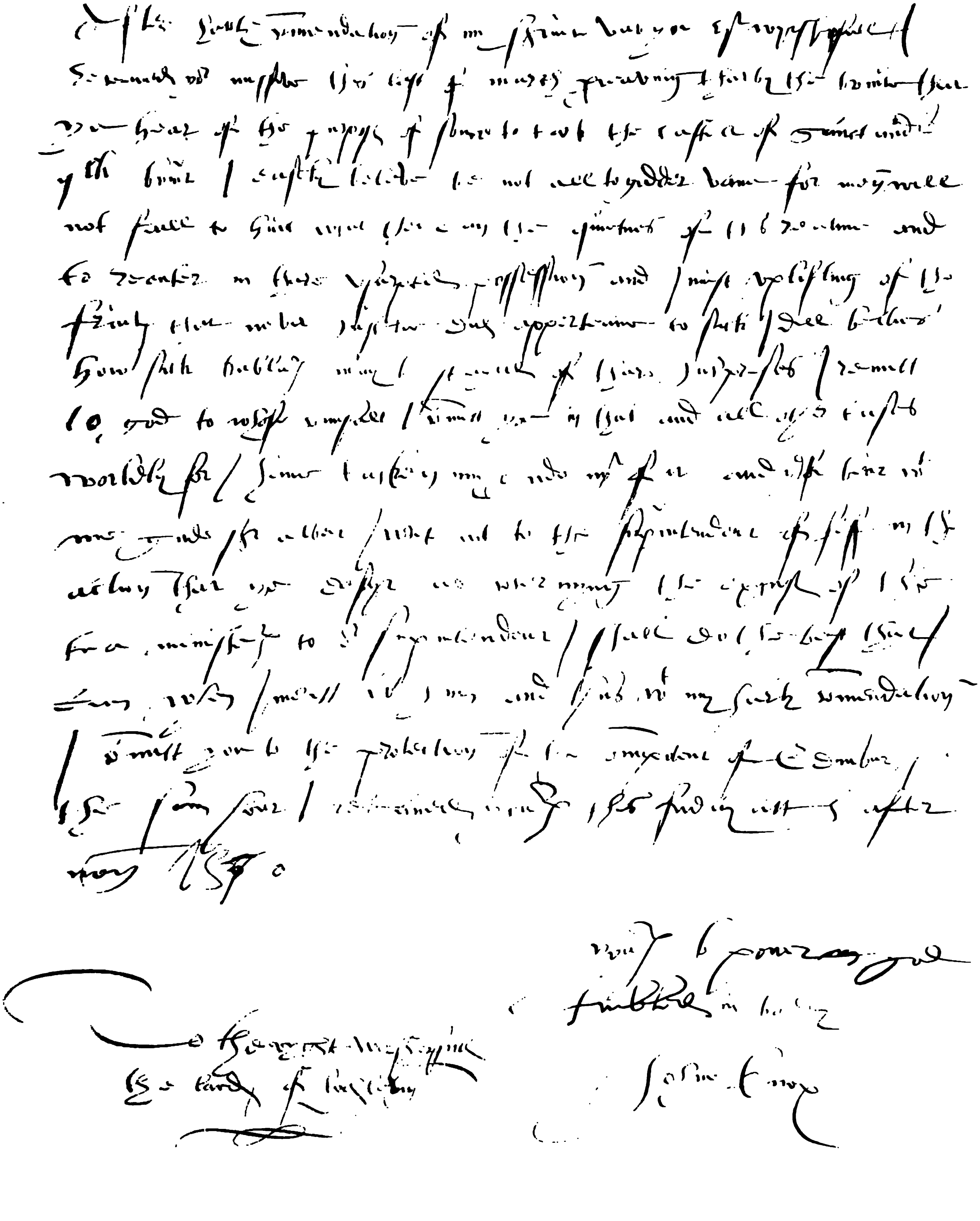
To my bruther the Laird off Louchlevine ·

John Knox to Sir William Douglas of LochLeven ·

49 After harty commendatioun of my ſeruice unto you rycht wyrſhipfull I receaved your miſſive this laſt of March perceaving tharby the bruite that ye hear of the purpoſe of ſome to tack the Caſtell of San&androis quhilk bruite I eaſely beleve be not alltogidder vane for men will not faill to hurt what thei can the quietnes of this realme and to reenter in thare vſurped poſſeſſioun and iniuſt vplifting of the fruitis that never juſtlie did apperteane to ſick Idill bellies · How ſick trublaris may be ſtayed of thare Interpriſes I remitt to God to whoſe counſall I committ yow in that and all other caſes worldly for I haue tacken my gude nycht of it and therfor bear with me gude ſir albeit I writ not to the Superintendent of Fiff in the a&ioun that ye deſyr as concernyng the excuſe of the tua miniſteris to our Superintendent I ſhall do the beſt that I can when I meitt with him and thus with my harty commendatioun I committ you to the prote&ioun of the Omnipotent Of Edinburghe the ſam hour I receaued youris this friday att 5 after none 1570 ·

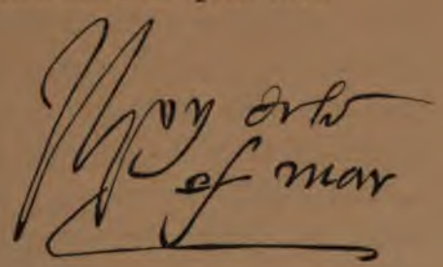
Yours to power in God
trubled in body
JOHNE KNOX ·

To the Ryght Worſhepfull
the Lard of Lochlevin ·



Charge to deliver the Castle of St. Andrews to the Laird of Lochleven ·

50 Dauid Orme chalmerlane of ſanctandrois · Becauſe of this difficill tyme and apperance of trubles / I think it meit ȝe delyuer the caſtell of ſanctandrois to the Laird of Lochlevin And for ȝour warrand ȝe ſall keip this my lettre / wnto the tyme ȝe obtene the erle of Mortonis and the reſt of the conſall / gif that houſe be nocht ſwrelie kepit to the Kingis ſeruice it may truble his obedience / this mekle I doupt nocht Bot ȝe wnderſtand / remitting the reſt to the Laird of Lochlevins aduerteiſment · Subſcriuit with my hand at Striuiling caſtell the x off aprile 1570 ·



To my traiſt freind
Dauid Orme chalmerlane of
Sanctandrois ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

51 Rycht honorable and traiſt couſing eftir hartlie commendationes I haue reſſauit ȝour writing / Towart the Lettre ȝe deſyrit to Dauid Orme ȝe ſall reſſaue the ſame ſubſcriuit be My Lordis of Mortoune Glencairne and me · As to the erle of Lenox ſerwand he wes of mynd to haue cumed to ȝow / Bott he alterit purpoiſe and depertit with all diligence to meit his Maiſter / the lettres he ſould haue delyuerit Drumquhafill hes ſent thame with my Lord Lindſayis ſerwand · The erle of athole hes bene heir deſyring a begynnyng of conference / As I wnderſtand my Lord of Mortoune hes writtin to the Lord Lindſay to that effect ȝe ſall deſyre him nocht to faill to cum as he beis aduerteiſit ffor he hes bene ouir ſweir this quhyll · As ffarder occaſioun ſall ſerue ȝe ſalbe aduertefit I will nocht writt any farder in perticular quhill our meting · Sua Eftir my hartlie

commendationes to my ſiſter and all the reſt of ȝour gude cumpany Committis ȝow to God ffra Striueling caſtell the xv day of aprile 1570 ·

Ȝour Rycht aſſurit freind to my powar ·

JHON ERLE OF MAR ·

To the Rycht Honorable and my
traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Earls of Mar Mortoun and Glencairn to the Laird of Lochleven ·

52 Eſtir our hartlie commendatioune / vpoun the Reſſett of ȝour lettir we haue written to Dauid Orme To deliuer the caſtell of Sanctandrois to ȝow / And ſiclik hes writtin to the Laird of Rankilour for anſuering ȝow of ſiclik dewtie as was appointit of befoir to Dauid Orme / for keiping of the ſaid caſtell / we will pray ȝow howſone ȝe may commodyouſlie to Reſſaue it / And gif the pledgis being tharin beis not deliuerit to the erle of Mortoune befoir ȝour Reſſett therof / ȝe ſall Reſſaue thame and keip thame quhill he ſend for thame quhilk will not be lang / My Lord of Mortoun beis the morne at none in Dumfermeling / quhair we would wyſche ȝe ſuld meit him for conferring with him vpoune ſic thingis as ȝe ſall knaw at ȝour ſpeiking with him / We haue writtin to Dauid Orme that ȝe will tak ordour with him for the byrun exſpenſſis ſen our commandyment gevyn vnto him As to that ane day mon be appointit for hering of his comptis And Ordour taken with the chalmerlane of the biſchoprig for payment thairof / ſua ſone as he may / gif the ſame be not done alrady / And gif ony thing be Reſtand awand / preceding our commandyment gevyn vnto him his comptis mon be ſene and aſſignationis prowydit tharfoir And ſua We commit ȝow to the protectioun of the Almichtie / frome Streveling the xv of aprile 1570 ·

Ȝour aſſurit freindis ·

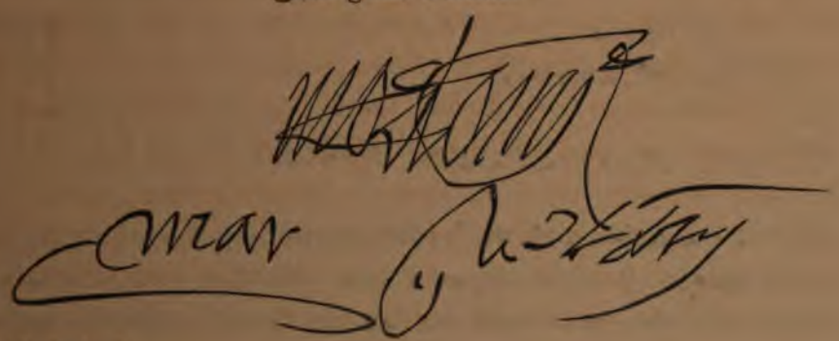
MORTOUN · MAR · GLENCARNE ·

To our traiſt freind
the Laird of Lochlevyn ·

Earls of Mar Mortoun and Glencairn to the Laird of Rankelour ·

53 Eftir our hartlie commendatioune / We haue directit our writing to the Laird of Lochlevyn / to Reffaue the caftell of Sanctandrois fra Dauid Orme As alfua to tak Ordour with him Anent the Reftis awand to him fen commandyment gevyn be ws for keping of the faid caftell / And Inlyikmaner that the Laird of Lochlevyn fall haue ficlik appoyntment for keping of the faid caftell as the faid Dauid had of befoir / heirfoir we pray zow to fpeik with the faid Laird / and aduife with him how Dauid Orme may be fatiffeit anent the byganis / as alfua how he falbe anfuerit in tyme cuming of ficlik appointment as Dauid Orme had of befoir on the day This we pray zow faill not to do as ze will Importe our fpeciall thankis And fua hartlie fair ze weill / frome Streveling the xv of aprile 1570 ·

Zour gude freindis ·



To our traift freind
the Laird of Rankelour &c ·

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven ·

54 Traift freind eftir maift hartlie commendatioun I undirftand the Lordis in Edinburgh hes written to a greit nowmer quhome thay think will do for thame to be at thame in Edinburgh the xix of this Inftant And feing thay meane to convene ther forcis it is not meit that thay fuld be fleping Thairfoir prayis zow to haue all our freindis and weilwillaris abowte zow

warnitt to be in Redynes upoun ane houris warnyng to cum to ws quhan We ſend aduertiſment quhilk I howip ſall not be lang to do / The Lordis in Edinburgh ſend the Laird of Trabrowne to the Erle of Suſſex with certane Inſtructionis deſyring him to leif of ony Incurſioun aganis the ſubjectis of this Realme and als deſyring that Maiſter Johne Gordoun the Byſchop of Gallowayis ſone mycht have licence to pas to the Quenis Majeſtie of Ingland with a lettre of thairis / baith deſyris is Refuſit for he is already in Tewedaill and hes not ſtayit the Armie bot hes ſtayit Maiſter Johne Gordoun and all his writingis / quhill he Reſſave anſuer agane from the Courte The Erle of Levenox come to Newcaſtell the xvj of this Inſtant And as I underſtand is now in Berwick / Farder ȝe will knaw be my Lord Lyndeſay / quhan ȝe pleis to confer with him / and ſua committis ȝow to the protectioun of God frome Dalkeith the xix of Aprile 1570 ·

Ȝour aſſurit freind ·

To my traiſt freind *Mortoun* ·
the Laird of Lochlevin ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

55 Rycht honorable and traiſt couſing efter my werray hartie commendationes this is till aduertis ȝow I have reſſavit a writing from the Erle of Suſſex with ſum proclamationis laitlie ſett out be the Quenis Majeſtie of Ingland quhairof ȝe ſall reſſave ane / in the quhilk ȝe will perſaif hir Majeſteis gude will and mynd towart this realme I pray ȝow mak my Lord of Buchane and the proveſt of Dundie participant of the ſame / it is a werie gude dytement and proffitable to our actioun The conference at Dalkeith hes takin lytill effect as ȝit the Erle of Athole / the Lord Boid / the priour of Coldinghame and the Comptrollare come thair to ſupper upone Monunday And the maiſt effect of thair ſpeking is to alter the meiting to Muſſilburgh Edmeſtoun Craigmillar or Gilmertoun quhilk of na wayis wilbe grantit Sua I wnderſtand thair menyng is of nane effect · Alwayis as forther actioun ſall cum ȝe ſalbe adverteſit / The Kingis

Majeſtie and all freindis heir continewis in gude helth ȝe will mak my hartie commendatiounes to my ſiſter and to ȝour bedfallow · Sua I committ ȝow to the protectioun of the Almychtie Fra Striueling Caſtell the tuentie day off Aprile 1570 ·

Ȝour Rycht aſſurit freind
To my powar ·

To the Rycht honorable and my traiſt couſing the Laird of Lochlevin · MAR ·

The Archbiſhop of St. Andrews and Commendator of Arbroath to John Hamilton of Grange ·

56 Treſt Cuſing efter maiſt hartlie commendatioun this preſent is to adverteis ȝow that my L · Duikis grace hes ſend to ws and cauſit us warne all his freindis and forces to cum to him to Edinburgh bayth on fuit and horſe that will do for him / And therfoir My Lord Claud with all the forces of this cuntre and partis beis in Lynlythqw this fryday the xxviij of Aprill efter none / bayth on fuit and horſe Quhairfoir prayis ȝow but faill that ȝe warne all my L · grace tennentis of Kynneill Kerſe Carriddin &c· and all the tennentis that my Lordis grace hes in tha partis / And ſiclyk warne all the gentill men of Lynlythqw ſchyir or therabout to be wyth ther haill forces bayth on fut and horſe wythin Lythqw on fryday or euen to meet my Lord Claud and the reſt of my Lordis freindis and ſervandis wyth viij dayes furneſſing efter thair cumming / and that thai be all weill arrayit with Jak and ſpeir / and this ȝe man do wyth diligence that thai faill nocht as thai luif my Lord gracis weill and honour and thair awin / and ſua committis ȝow to God Of Hamiltoun the xxvj day of Aprill 1570 ·

J · SANCTANDROIS ·
ARBROTHE ·

To Johne Hamiltoun of Grange bailȝe of Kynneill and in his abſence to James his broder or Arthour of the Neſs ·

Annas Keyth widow of the Regent Murray to the Laird of Lochleven ·

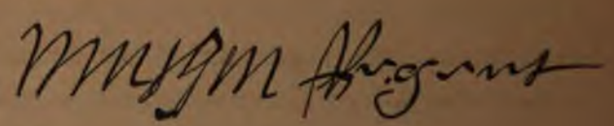
57 Brother efter my maiſt hartlie commendatioune I reſſauit ȝour vriting quhairby I hawe perſauit the labouris that ȝe hawe takin tweching that matter of the maiſter off Forbes and as I wrat to ȝow afor I think It be ſume wther thing that he be ſeakand thair nor the bailȝerie I wrat to the ſuperintendent that I mycht hawe had the fyrſt euident and ſeiſing that my Lord gat of that Lard for as I belewe It is befor this bailȝerie of the maiſter of Forbes · The ſuperintendent ſayis to me he hes nocht that infefment and allegis that my Lord commandit hym to gywe It to ȝow as he ſayis he hes done thairfor I pray ȝow brother gar ſe quha hes It quhidder ȝe or he and lat me hawe the tranſſump of It or ellis the dait thairof for I wald fane be quet of the maiſter Forbes ſwit and ſpeciallie gyff I may do It be rycht · And tweching that ȝe will to be kepit in Leyth I agre to the ſame and to that effect hes vritin to my Lord of Mar and the lard of Dwne that they will tak the pane to come thayr to that effect bot ȝe and my Lord of Buquhane man aduertes thame quhat day ȝe think meteſt that thay mak nocht trawell in wayn and as for me I hawe ſend my mynd with the maiſter my brother and Robert Keyth of canterland for the Lard of Petterro was ſick and nocht weill at eis quhilk was the caus that he cummis nocht thair at this tyme I deſyr nathing to be ſtayit in that matter for my abſence for wpone my Lord of Mar aduerteſment I ſall come ower at ony tym · I pray ȝow ſir that gyff thair ſettis ony ſeſſione that thair may be ordour takin with my Lordis executrie and It war weill done that the geir quhilk Is in the Wardrop war vyſeit be ſume tenty hand for ſwirly I belewe the maiſt part of It be ſpylt quhilk will profet my barnis les than gyff I had kepit It as ſum tyme I did and thus leving to trubill ȝow with langar letter quhill forder occaſione committis ȝow maiſt hartlie to the protectioune of God Frome Dunnotter the thrid of Julij be

Ȝour Siſter at power

To my brother the Lard
off Loychlewyne ꝛc ·

ANNAS KEYTH ·

OUR WILL IS and with advife and confent of our deareft guidfir Mathew erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge ȝow ftraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres fene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge George Ruthirfurde of Fernitoun and all utheris havaris keparis detenaris and withhaldaris of the hous and place of Langnutoun To rander and deliver the famyn to ȝow our officiaris executors heirof within fex houris nixteftir thai be chargit be ȝow thairto under the pane of treffoun With certificatioun to thame and thai failȝie Thay falbe repute haldin eftemit demanit and perfewit with fyre and fwerd as tratouris ꝛc· ꝛc· Gevin under our fignet and Subfcrivit be our faid deareft guidfir and regent At Striueling the xvij day of Auguft And of our regnne the ferd ȝeir 1570 ·



Warrant to affege the place and fortalice of Langnutoun ·

60 James be the grace of God King of Scottis To our lovittis Meffingeris ꝛc·

Forfamekill as We and our deareft guidfchir Mathow Erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull Tutour and Regent to ws oure realme and liegis underftanding that albeit George Rutherfurde of Fernitoun hes bene chargit under the pane of treffoun To rander and deliuer to William Douglas of Lochlevin his place and fortalice of Langnutoun ꝛc· Quhairfoir We haif grantit commiffion to the faid William Douglas of Lochlevin to convocat our liegis and pas and perfew and affege the faid hous and place of Langnutoun And to that effect gif neid be to raife fyre and ufe all kynd of force and weirlyke ingyne that can be had for wynning and recovering thairof ꝛc· ꝛc· OURE WILL IS and with advife and con-

ent of our ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge Ker ȝoungar of Ceſſurde Wardane of the Middill Marches of our realme and our Schireff of To convocat and aſſembill our liegis togidder within thair boundis and pas furthwart with the ſaid William Douglas of Lochlevin ꝛc· ꝛc· Given under our Signet and Subſcryvit be oure ſaid deareſt guidſchir and regent At Striueling the day of Auguſt And of our regnne the ferd ȝeir 1570 ·

MATHEU REGENT ·

Mathew Earl of Lennox Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

61 Traiſt freind Eſtir maiſt hartlie commendationis It is not unknawin to ȝow how thair is ane Taxatioun grantit be the eſtaittis for making of the expenſſis of the honorabill ambaſſat that is to be direct it to the Quenis Majeſtie of England for the weill of the King oure ſoverane Lord his realme and obedient people As ȝe will perſave be the directionis and chargeis ſend for that effect Thairfoir We deſyre and pray ȝow effectuuſlie That ȝe will not faill to uſe all poſſibill diligence ffor ingetting of the ſaid taxatioun ſa far as concernis ȝour part be reſſoun of ȝour office and deliver the ſamyn to the Laird of Drumquhaſſill collectour appointit for the reſſait therof And gif be ȝour gude will and laubouris ȝe may caus the haill or a reſſonabill part be brocht to the collectour afoir the day ȝe ſould do ws maiſt ſpeciall pleſure becaus the ambaſſatouris wilbe louked for / befoir thair furniſſing can be reddy Thus We commit ȝow to the protectioun of God from Edinburgh the xxvj day of October 1570 ·

Ȝoure gude freind

MATHEU REGENT ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochleven ·

62 Coufing I Reffavit zour writing / And befor the reffait of the fame wes in hand with the Regent for zow / he is prefentlie content in fatiffactioun of zour coiftes and expenffis fuftenit divers wayes to let zow have the bifchoprick of Sanctandrois the penfions ftanding quhilkis ar prefentlie gevin furth of it And will reffave the Erll of Northumberland of zour hand gif ze be fatiffeit with this / Let me be adverteifit / or utherwayes I wald zour felf came heir about the 28 day of this moneth that we mycht reffoun upon all matteris at lenth to fe gif thingis may be brocht to zour fatiffactioun / unto the quhilk tyme I referre the reft and fua efter my hertie commendatioun commitis zow to the protectioun of God · From Edinburgh the 19 of December 1570 ·

Zour affureit frende ·

MORTOUN ·

To my Coufing the
Lard of Lochlevin ·

Mathew Earl of Lennox Regent of Scotland to the Laird of Lochleven ·

63 Richt traift freind efter hartlie commendationes Having laitlie reffavit anfuer from my Lord of Dumfarmeling ambaffadour for the Kingis Majeftie in England contening materis of grit wecht quhilk concernis the haill eftate And fua requires to be deliberatlie confultit upoun with fic expeditioun as poffiblie may be ufit Thairfoir We pray zow effectuoufle That ze will not faill to be heir in Edinburgh upoun Monunday nixt the xxv day of this inftant To gif zoure avyife and Jugement with the remanent to be convenit · · · · · · · the weill of the Kingis Service and the continewance of · · · · · · · · · · that commoun caus quhilk is fa deir to ws all And fa [referring all] uther thingis to zour cuming

our derreſt guidſchir and lauchfull tutour Matho erle of Leuenax Lord Dernelie ꝛc. Regent to ws our Realme and liegis and of the Lordis of our ſecreit Counſale haif directit our rycht traiſt couſing and counſalour James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith ꝛc. our Chancellar and greit Admirall of our realme To the partis of Ingland in the commoun ſervice and affairis of our realme and furth bering of our auctoritie He being tutour of law for the tyme to our rycht traiſt couſing Archibald erle of Angus Lord Dowglas and Abernethie ꝛc. his bruther ſone And having in his handis the ſaid erle of Angus haill evidentis and writtis quhairby he ſuld defend and perſew his actiouns And now eftir his age of xiiij ȝeiris compleit Our ſaid rycht traiſt couſing and counſalour and certane utheris or ony twa of thame (the ſaid erle of Mortoun being ane therof) ar choſin Curatouris to the ſaid erle of Angus in preſence of the Lordis of our Counſale and Seſſioun THAIRFOIR ꝛc. We haif ſuperſedit delayit and reſpectit all and ſindrie actionis and cauſis movit or to be movit aganis our ſaidis traiſt couſingis and counſalouris James erle of Mortoun and Archibald erle of Angus thair kin freindis men tenentis and ſervandis and ſpeciallie thir perſonis underwritten That is to ſay
erle of Buchane ꝛc. our couſing William Lord Hay of Zeſter William Douglas of Lochlevin Archibald Douglas of Kilſpindie Patrik Douglas his ſone James Foreſtar of Corſtorphin knycht Henry Foreſtar his bruther germane Walter Urquhard our Scheriff of Cromartie Finlay Manſoun in Pitcalzeane Alexander Hume of Manderſtoun his brether thair tenenti John Douglas of Halthornden ꝛc. ꝛc. or ony of thame To ceis and rei uncallit perſewit or procedit upoun unto the returning of our ſaid traiſ couſing and conſalour James erle of Mortoun furth of the ſaidis parti of Ingland and twentie dayis thaireftir ꝛc. · Given under our ſignet an ſubſcrivit be our ſaid derreſt guidſir tutour and regent At Edinburgh th xxvij day of Januar and of our regnne the ferd ȝeir 1570 ·

MATHEU REGENT ·

Andro Hamiltoun of Cochno.
Robert Hamiltoun of Dalſerf.
Robert Hamiltoun,
deid. Maiſter James Hamiltoun,
Patrik Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Archibald Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun of Wodhill.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Archibald Hamiltoun, Capitane of Arrane.
Gawin Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Pedderſburne.
James Hamiltoun of Boithuelhauch.
John Hamiltoun, Dauid Hamiltoun, his brether.
Maiſter James Hamiltoun of Neilliſland.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Udſtoun.
Patrick Hamiltoun, his bruther.
Archibald Hamiltoun in Spittelſcheill.
Alexander Hamiltoun in Kittemuir.
Adam Hamiltoun in the Holme.
Thomas Hamiltoun there.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Vicaris.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Langrig.
Thomas Hamiltoun in Udſtoun.
Gawin Hamiltoun in Roploch.
Williame Hamiltoun in Torſchaw.
Hannis Hamiltoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Twedieſyde.
Mathew Hamiltoun in Stanehous.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Arthure Hamiltoun in Heleis.
Alexander Hamiltoun, James Hamiltoun, Robert Hamiltoun, his brether.
Andro Hamiltoun,
Andro Hamiltoun in Over Heleis.
Alexander Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Thomas Hamiltoun in the toun of Hamiltoun.
Olie Hamiltoun, Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Quintene Hamiltoune, burges of Hamiltoun.
Robert Hamiltoun at the Croce.
Maiſter Robert Hamiltoun, perſoun of Torrence.
Johnne Hamiltoun elder, Johnne Hamiltoun 3ounger, his brether.
Robert Hamiltoun of Auchingrymont.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Grenehill.
James Hamiltoun, Andro Hamiltoun, his brether.
Robert Hamiltoun,
Quintene Hamiltoun at Crocefurde.
Andro Hamiltoun, Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Richard Hamiltoun in Auchinglen.
Blais Hamiltoun, Williame Hamiltoun, his brether.
Johnne Hamiltoun,
Alexander Hamiltoun in Preſtoun.
George Hamiltoun, Niniane Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Johnne Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun in Pannis.
Alexander Hamiltoun, burges of Lan[illegible]rk.

Gawin Hamiltoun in Newlandis.
William Hamiltoun in Hill.
Alexander Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun,
Robert Hamiltoun, his ſonis.
Rowy Hamiltoun,
Thomas Hamiltoun in Schawtoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his bruther.
Thomas Hamiltoun in Overtoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun,
James Hamiltoun, his brether.
Andro Hamiltoun,
Arthure Hamiltoun in the Neſs.
James Hamiltoun there.
George Hamiltoun, browſtar.
Richerd Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun, his brether.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Grange.
Gawin Hamiltoun in Errane.
James Hamiltoun in Letter.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Kirk.
George Hamiltoun in Glencoſie.
James Hamiltoun in Straquheling.
James Hamiltoun in Knokandquhillie.
Williame Hamiltoun in Sunnok.
James Hamiltoun in Burnebray.
James Hamiltoun in Mirretoun.
Johnne Hamiltoun in Burneltoun.
Thomas Hamiltoun,
Johnne Hamiltoun, officiaris.
Thomas Hamiltoun in Boithuile.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Brouncaſtell.
Johnne Hamiltoun of Towitcoit.
Archibald Hamiltoun of Rybrayis.
Robert Hamiltoun of Mordoch.
Alexander Hamiltoun of Bathcat. *deid.*

Jhonne ſumtyme Biſchope of Sanct-androis.
Claude Hamiltoun ſumtyme Den of Dunbar.
Johnne Hamiltoun ſumtyme of Stenhouſe.
Andro Hamiltoun of Goiſlingtoun, knycht.
Andro Hamiltoun of Lekprevik.
Dauid Hamiltoun, bruther to James Hamiltoun of Boithvilehauche.
Andro Hamiltoun of Cochno.
Johnne Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Robert Hamiltoun, Chalmerlane of Kilwinning.
James Hamiltoun of Sprouſtoun.
Maiſter James Hamiltoun of Neliſland.
Alexander Hamiltoun of Netherfeild.
Robert Hamiltoun of the Grange.
James Hamiltoun of Rochbank, callit Goudy lokis.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Corbitcock, maſer.
James Hamiltoun of Wodhall.

James Hamiltoun of Boithuilhauche.
James Muirheid of Lawchope.
Arthur Hamiltoun of Muirtown.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Tweydyſyde.
James Hamiltoun of the Peill of Lewingſtoun.
Mungow Hamiltoun of Perduven.
Alexander Hamiltoun of Innerwik.
mortuus. James Hamiltoun of Garrane.

foirfaltit beſoir the Justice, &c.

Jhonne ſumtyme Commendator of Aberbrothok.
Jhonne Hamiltoun, Proveſt of Boithvile.

declarit barratouris.

Robert Hamiltoun of Inchemauchan.
James Hamiltoun of the Haggis.
Robert Hamiltoun of Garrane.
Robert Hamiltoun of Milburne.
James Hamiltoun callit of the Toungis.
Gawin Hamiltoun of the Hill.
Jhonne Crawfurde, baillie of Monkland.
Jhonne Crawfurde ȝounger of Ferne.
Clelland of that Ilk.
Cuthbert Hamiltoun of Cauder.
Jhonne Quhytfurde of Miltoun.

Jhonne Hamiltoun of Dalry, ſones to the Biſchope.
William Hamiltoun, his bruther,
All the brether of the Helyis.
Hamiltoun of Orbeiſtoun.
Hamiltoun of Fairholm.
Hew Hamiltoun of Blantyre.
James Hamiltoun, his ſone.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Schawtoun and his twa ſonis.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Kilbowy.
Dauid Forſyth of the Dykis.
The thre breider of Dalſerff.
The Hamiltounis of Dalbene.
Robert Hamiltoun of Torrence, and the reſt of that gange.
Arthour Hamiltoun of Orbeiſtoun.
Jhonne Hamiltoun, ſonis to the Proveſt of Hamiltoun.
Mr Robert Hamiltoun,
Thomas Hamiltoun of the Toun.
Jhonne Hamiltoun of Boithvile.
Thomas Hamiltoun of Boithvile.
Gawin Baxter thair.
Gawin Hamiltoun, ſone to the Abbot of Kilwinning.
Mathow Hamiltoun of Philpſtoun.
Patrik Crummy of Carriddin.
James Muir, burges of Lynlythqw.
Jhonne Hamiltoun in Turnlaw.
Archibald Hamiltoun, his bruther.
James Hamiltoun in Kirkhill.
Arthour Hamiltoun, bruther to James Hamiltoun of Boithuelhauch.

A Commiſſioun to compeir before quhatſumevir Juge to perſew and defend in all my Lord Chancellaris actiounes ·

67 BE IT KEND till all men be thir preſent lettres Ws James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith ꝛc Chancellar and grete Admarall of Scotland That forſamekle as we ar preſentlie directit be our ſoverane Lord with aviſe of my Lord Regentis grace and of the Lordis of Secreit Counſale to the partis of Ingland in the commoun ſervice of this realme and furthbering of his Majeſties auctorite ſwa that we may nocht be our ſelf away upoun our awne effaris and beſynes within this realme Thairfoir to have maid conſtitute and ordanit ꝛc honorable men and our weilbelovits our procuratouris ꝛc Gevand grantand and committand to thame conjunctlie and ſeverallie our verie full free and plane power ſpeciall commandment expres bidding and charge for us and in our name To compeir befor the Lordis of our Soverane Lordis Counſale and Seſſioun ꝛc To do perſew follow or defend As occaſioun ſall ſerve Oure richtis and reſſonis to ſchaw our abſence To excuis ws to defend Litis conteſtatioun to mak The aith of ſuithfaſtnes and utheris aithis neidfull in our ſaule to ſweir Our parties adverſar to heir be ſworne ꝛc In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir preſent lettres of Procuratorie ſubſcriuit with our hand our ſignet is affixt At Thomptalloun the ferd day of Februar the ȝeir of God I^m V^c and ſevinty ȝeiris ·

MORTOUN ·

Warrand to charge the Surnames of Burnfeild and Haitlie ·

68 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our lovittis George Ȝoung Meſſingeris our ſchereffis in that part conjunctlie and ſeuerallie ſpecialie conſtitute greting Forſamekill as We our dereſt guidſchir Mathow erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent

to ws our realme and liegis and Lordis of our ſecreit counſale Conſidering the lang variance and diſcord that hes continewit betuix the ſurenames of Burnfeildis and the ſurenames of Haitleis this tyme paſt And that gif the ſamyn be ſufferit langar to remane greittar inconvenient may follow And thairfoir willing to tak ſum ſpedy ordour thairin to the ſatiſfactioun of bayth the partiis for the quietnes of the cuntre And that aggreement being maid thai may be the mair abill to joyne and aſſiſt togidder as our trew liegis in furthſetting of our authoritie and ſervice OURE WILL IS HEIRFOIR and We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis that incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas and in our name and authoritie command and charge Williame Burnfeild in Grenelawdene ꝛc· and ſic utheris thair kin and freindis as ſalbe gevin to ȝow in bill And als Alexander Haitlie of Lambden George Haitlie in Hoodlaw ꝛc· and ſic utheris thair kin and freindis as ſalbe ſiclyke gevin to ȝow in bill To compeir perſonallie befoir our ſaid dearest guidſchir and regent and lordis of our ſecreit counſale At Leyth or quhair it ſalhappin thame to be for the tyme the xvj day of Auguſt inſtant To the effect that ordour may be tane alſweill towart the ſaid variance and contraverſy as towart the aſſurance allegeit brokin be athir of the partiis to utheris Swa that the cuntre may leif in the bettir quietnes in tymes cuming ꝛc· ꝛc· Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid dearest guidſchir and regent At Leith the fyft day of Auguſt And of oure regnne the fift ȝeir 1571 ·

MATHEU REGENT ·

Licence to George Uſufructuar of Dunfermling to remane in ward within the place of Dury and ſex myles about the ſame ·

REX ·

69 We and our dearest guidſchir Mathew erll of Levenax Lord Dernlie our lauchfull tutour and regent to ws our realme and lieges underſtanding George Uſufructuar of Dunfermling wes chargeit be vertew of oure utheris lettres to remane in ward within the place of Dury and ane myle

Charge to George Rutherforde of Farnytoun to appear before the Privy Council ꝛc· ·

71 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Stewin Riddall Meſſingeris ꝛc· OUR WILL IS and with aviſe of our richt traiſt couſing Johnne erle of Mar Lord Erſkin Regent to ws our realme and liegis We charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis That incontinent thir our lettres ſene ȝe pas And in our name and auꝛoritie Command and charge George Rutherfurde of Farnytoun To compeir perſonalie befoir our ſaid Couſing and Regent and Lordis of our Secreit Counſell At Leith ꝛc· upon the ſext day nixt efter he be chargit be ȝow thairto ꝛc· Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid Couſing and Regent At Leyth the penult day of Oꝛtober and of our Reigne the fift ȝeir 1571 ·

JHON REGENT ·

Apud Leyth xxviij Novembris Anno ꝛc· lxxj ·

The quhilk day George Rutherfurde of Farnytoun being oftymes callit Compeirit not Quhairfoir My Lord Regentis grace with aviſe of the Lordis of Secreit Counſale Ordanis ane officiar of Armes To pas and put thir lettres to dew executioun Be denuncing of the ſaid George our Soverane Lordis rebell and putting of him to the horne And to eſcheit and inbring all his movabill gudis to his Majeſties uſe for his contemption Efter the forme and tennour of thir lettres ·

JHON REGENT ·

The Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

72 Richt traiſt couſing efter maiſt hertlie Commendationes / ȝiſtrene [illegible] Mariſhall of Berwick and Maiſter Randolphe come heir fra Sanꝛ Jo[illegible] neſtoun and hes maid ws privie to ane aduertiſment quhilk thay ha[illegible]

and abyde at hame fra all and ſindrie our oiſtis armeis raidis weris wappinſchawingis and aſſembleis quhatſumevir to be maid be ws ꝛc· be ſey or land ꝛc· ꝛc· Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid Couſing and Regent At Striveling the xxiij day of Marche and of our Reigne the fift ȝeir 1571 ·

JHON REGENT ·

The Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

74 Rycht traiſt freind efter maiſt hertlie Commendatioune · We haue ſpokin with the Marſheall and Maiſter Randolphe / quha lettis ws to vnderſtand / that thay haif inſtructioun to ſatiſfie ȝow touard my Lord of Northumberland / and for that purpos hes deſirit ws to write for ȝow to be heir with diligence quhilk we think beſt ȝe do / for apperandlie ȝour Jorney ſall not be without frute / We pray ȝow thairfoir expeid ȝou / And ſa remitting all other thing to meting committis ȝou in the protectioun of Almichtie God At Leyth the xxvij of marche 1572 ·

Ȝour rycht aſſurit freind

JHON REGENT ·

To our rycht traiſt Couſing the
Lard of Lochlevin ·

My Lord of Mortonis Commiſſioun of Levetenentre to ryde upon Clydiſdaill ·

Apud Leith xx^o die menſis Junij Anno Domini I^m V^c *lxxij*^o ·

75 Forſamekle as the declairit traitouris rebellis and conſpiratouris aganis our ſoverane Lord and his auctoritie continewand in thair treſſonable attemptatis and wickit deidis Tending to the overthraw and diſtruction of the commoun weill hes of late maid convocatioun of his hienes

and forrayit certane landis within the Levinax and about the citie of Glafgow / as alfua within Strivilingfhire and utheris partes of the realme obedient to his hienes auctoritie / and hes herreit the peciable and gude fubjectis of thair guides mynding be fic tyrannie to mantene and continew thair reif of uther menis guides to the greit hurt and prejudice of the Kingis obedience and fubverfioun of the ftate of the commoun weill gif the fame be not fpedalie refiftit For remeid quhairof My Lord Regentis grace with avife of the Lordes of Secrete Counfale hes thocht meit deliberat and concludit that the cuntrie of Cliddifdale and utheris boundes adjacent famekle thairof as is inhabite be the traitouris ꝛc· ꝛc· falbe perfewit with fire and fword quhill they be exterminat or ellis reducit to our Soverane Lordes obedience And for executioun of the fame gevis and grantis full power and commiffioun ꝛc· to James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith Chancellar ꝛc· To convocat our foverane Lordes lieges in weirlikmaner and to pas furthward invaid and perfew the faidis declairit traitouris rebellis and confpiratouris ꝛc· with fire and fword thair houfes and dwelling places to caft doun and dimolifche thair perfonis to execute and demane to the death thair guides and cattell to forray intromit with and expone in pray with all uther kynd of punifment and hoftilite / all houffis and ftrenthes kepit be thame aganis our foverane Lord and his auctoritie to affeige and be force recover ꝛc· ꝛc· ꝛc· ·

JHON REGENT ·

The Countefs of Northumberland to the Earl her hufband ·

76 The rumors and brutis here geven furthe of your Lordfhipis deliuery into Englande hathe trobled many but for my felf and for them that be of the wifer forte and of more iudgement it could neuer finke into our myndes that euer ony of honour or credite wold agree to fuch a condicioun efpeciallie in that nation that haue fo often tafted of the love of their neighbours in cafes like to yours / and that hathe fo often neded

therunto · Or that the Larde (who is of that honour and wiſdome / as he is taken to be / and hitherto hath ſhewed him ſelf) wold lay vpon his howſe or honor ſuch a burden as in ſheweing the preſident by you that never hathe bene before ſhewed by ony of his nation in any other / or that by him the miſhappe might fall to you / which all we by helpe and ſuccurre of other of the Nobilitie of the ſame haue eſchewed and avoyded · This (I ſay) could never ſeame lykely vnto vs / and therfor did we leſſe accompte of ſuche ſayeingis / as thoſe that haue more grounded opinion of the Lardis dexteritie and honorable dealing / and do hoape more in him for the perfecting and accompliſhing of our longe defired ſewte for your enlargement / then that we can conceave or diſtruſt ony ſiniſter meenyng or vndew deviſe at his handis tending to your vndoeing or ouerthrow · Althoughe we are not of that mynde but that your ennemyes do and will by all the meanes they can worke by worde / promiſe / and fayre gloſes practiſe what they may to draw the Larde to agree vnto them - yet we ſtande in no dowbte of him but that he hathe that confideracioun over his owne honour / and is of that wiſdome that he will paſſe ouer their requeſtis in wiſe order / and yet ſtande as ſhalbe moſt agreable to his calling / ſeing it reſtithe in his only power and will / without their impeachement or others comptrollement / to do for you in this caſe as to him ſelf ſhall ſeame beſt / he ſoly having the order and poſſeſſion of you without bonde or charge to ſtay him from doeing for you as he ſhall thinke good / of whom alone you are to ſeke your releaſe / and that way to follow it that it may be graunted with expedition / ſeing we be prepared and readie to ſatiſſie him vpon the vnderſtanding of ony ſufficient aſſurance wherby we may vpon the payment of the money be ſewre to haue the poſſeſſion of your body / and that by long delay and protracte of tyme / many inconveniencis may chance / muche hindrance cumme alſwei by the hazarde and perill of your ſeruantis in paſſing to and fro / inte cepting or miſcariage of letters and other miſhappes / as by the gre chargis whiche I am at in the often ſending and in the expence of tyn which conſumithe muche of the litle that I haue wherby myne habilit

will grow to be leſſe / and your frendis wax weary / you ſhall not be hable to yeld ſo muche benefite to the Larde as now you may do / nor he can take the commoditie whiche now he may haue / which as it liethe you vpon to forſee and to purſew to a concluſion that may take a ſpedie effecte / ſo we hoape that the wiſdome of the Larde will not let paſſe this beſt and offered oportunite / whiche ſtandithe moſt with his honour and commoditie to take holde vpon / but will reſolue with yow in ſuche reaſonable order as we may with expedition receaue the fine of your agreement / and he may haue from vs his benefite with all benevolence favour and commendacioun · Thus beſiching our Lord to ſende you a good and ſpedie ende of your lang and paynfull trobles as may be moſt for the eaſe of your harte and to your greateſt conforte / with humble remembrance of my dew I ende this xxj^th of Marche 1572 ·

Your Lordſhipis moſt humble wif

A. NORTHUMBERLAND ·

To the right honorable and good L · and
huſbande Northumberland ·

John Earl of Mar Regent in favor of James Commendator of Melros ·

REX ·

77 We be the tennour heirof with auiſe and conſent of our richt traiſt Couſing John erll of Mar lord Erſkin Regent to ws our realme and liegis promittis that howſone the penſioun furth of the abbay of Melros pertening to George Lord Seytoun or his ſone ſall fall be law and be our diſpoſitioun We ſall mak richt and ſecurite of the ſame to James now Commendatar of Melros And mak title and intereſſe to na other perſoun of the ſame Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcrivit be our ſaid Couſing and Regent At Leyth the xxvij day of Aprile and of our Reigne the fyft yeir 1573 ·

JHON REGENT ·

John Earl of Mar Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

78 Traift coufing eftir our hartie commendatioun / this berar zour ferwand James Dryfdell hes at our command delyverit to our ferviture Robert Porterfeild the fowme of ane thowfand markis in Ryellis And be this our tikatt We mak it knawin wnto zow that the faid James hes thankfullie delyverit the faid fowme Subfcrivit with our hand At Leith the tuentie ane day of Junij 1573 ·

JHON REGENT ·

The Archbifhop of St. Andrews to William Douglas of Lochleven ·

79 Rycht honorable Sir Eftir maift hartlie commendatione pleafe wit I writt to zow befor defyring zow to haif fend to me the few mailes of the landis of Bifchopfchyre and alfo fo many barrellis of eilis as ze had wont to pay to my predeceffouris and becaus of zour abfence at that tyme of Lochlevin as I underftuid be the berair of my lettres he delyverit the faid writting to the Lady zour fpoufe the quhilk (as I beleif) ze haif fein becaus I haif gottin na anfuer thairof I tuik occafione to wrytt again to zow for the fam effect defyring zour anfuer with this berair John Steuinfoun my fervant quhat ze will do in thir premiffes And gif ze dowtt the perfuitt of utheris for the faid few mailes I will warrand zow at all uther handis · Commend me hartlie to the Lady your fpoufe quhom with zow I committ to the protectione of the Eternall Off Sanctandros the xviiij of februar 1573 ·

Zouris at pouer

J · SANCTANDROIS ·

To the rycht honorable William Dowglas off Lochlevin ·

Annabella Countefs of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

80 Rycht honorabill Sir eftir my veray hartlie commendatioun · Having reffavit zour writting concerning zour fylver Off to my honour I declairit the trewth to zour feruand James Dryifdaill I am veray forie ze fuld conceave fic ane opinioun of me that ze knaw I may borrow that foume and mair · for gif that war I think ze mycht juftlie fay · I wer in the wrange gif I mycht do that / and leit zow be in fic pane as ze ar in · ffor I will affuir zow on my honour houbeit my Lord my hufband haid nocht bene debtfull to zow gif it had bene in my poffibilitie · ze fuld haue haid it with als gud hairt as ze wald haue fuittit the fame · I am affurit zour wifdome confidderis quhat occafioun I haue gottin fen my hufbandis departing to fay my credeit Zit nochtwithftanding to caus zow knaw my part / mak ze the moyen to prouyid that foume upoun land and fall bind my felff in the maift fuirreft forme that ze can deuyfe to releiff the fame ay and quhill the thoufandis merkis falbe payit The quhilk I wald nocht do to na vthir in Scotland bot to zow And think nocht that I mene any defraude or excuife but to fatiffie zow gif I mycht ony way to zour contentment As knawis God Quha mot haue zow in his keping At Striviling Caftell the xvj day of Maij 1574 ·

Zour affurit gude freind at pouer

ANNABELL COUNTESS OF MAR ·

To the richt honorabill and my veray
gude freind the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Leonard of Cuper to the Lady Lochleven ·

81 Mademe efter my maift hartle commendatione I refauit ane wreting fra zow ane monethe fyin fchawin me that zour eldeft dochter was to be mareit on fondaye next on the zong lard of Wemes of the quhilk I am

werraye gleid and desyrit me to prouyd for all the weild meit and wenesone I mycht gwidlie get war nocht the ewell wedder that hes bein this oulk ze hed bein better stokit prayand zow therfor to aperdone me at this tyme and resaue fra this berer ane hyind and xxij mowir fowlis with onne wder fteid or plesur that lyis in my powar salbe rede at all tymes quhan zour La pleisis chargis as knawis God quhae mat haf zour La in protectioune Frome Cuper the xj day of Junij 1574 be zour La

Affurit kennifman

LEONARDE of Cuper ·

To my Lade
Lade of Loichlewin ·

Commiffion to William Douglas of Lochleven to mak convocation of the liegis ꝛc ·

REX ·

82 We be the tennour heirof with avise and consent of our richt traift cousing James erll of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith Regent to ws oure realme and liegis for certane causis and considerationis moving ws haue gevin and grantit and be thir our lettres gevis and grantes full power commissioun and auctoritie to our weilbelovit Williame Douglas of Lochlevin To mak convocatioun of oure liegis in weirlik maner And to searche seik tak and apprehend George Ruderfurde oure rebell ꝛc ꝛc Gevin under oure signet and subscrivit be oure said Cousing and Regent AT Dalkeith the xxiiij day of October And of oure Reigne the aucht zeir 1574 ·

John Carmichael younger of that Ilk to the Chamberlain of Melros ·

83 Traiſt freind efter hartlie commendationis this is to adverteis ȝow that I am to keip day of Marche on Thuriſday at the Reidſwyir be nyne houris therfoir I mon requeiſt ȝou to accompanie ws hither with ȝour haill ſervandis / As ȝe will do me L · Regent and my L · of Angus pleſure Swa leving to trubill ȝou quhill meting I commit ȝou to God At Jedburgh the 2 day of Julij 1575 ·

Be ȝouris aſſurit freind

JOHNE CARMYCHALL
ȝoungar of that Ilk ·

I pray ȝow faill nocht to caus all the Lairdis ſervandis of Langnewtoun cwm with ȝow ·

To my traiſt freind Mr William Henderſon
chalmerlane of Melros ·

The Lord Ruthven to the Laird of Lochleven ·

84 Rycht honorable Sir and weilbeluffit Eyme eftir my hertlie commendatiounes I receaved your writting fra ane boy of ȝouris this efter none And hes ſpokin this morning my couſing Patrik Murray of Tibbermure to quhome I haue declarit my mynd to be ſchawin to ȝow at lenth And ſalbe reddie at all tymes to ȝour honorable cauſis quhene ȝe ſalhappin to haue ado I being deulie foirſeyne and aduerteiſt heirof Remitting to the forder declaratioun of my ſaid couſing Committis ȝow to the protectioun of allmychtie God frome Ruthven the viij day of Auguſt 1575 ·

Youris aſſurit att power

RUTHVEN ·

To the Rycht honorable and his weilbeluffit
Eyme the Laird of Lochlevin &c ·

Andrew Rutherford of Hundolle and others to the Laird of Lochleven.

85 Richt honorable Sir efter our hartie commendationis Pleis ȝour M/ to be remembrit of the wrytting quhilk we sent to ȝow for the schuitting of the tryst quhilk we desyrit ȝour M to appoynt concernyng the actionis betwix ȝour M and George Rutherfurd in Pharyngtoun The cause of the schuitting of the said tryst was becaus of my Lord Regentes grace cumming in the countrie And in our wrytting we desyrit ȝour M/ to appoynt ane new tryst quhair and quhat tyme we sould meitt withe ȝour M And becaus as yit we have hard of no new appoyntment maid be ȝour M We desyre ȝow gif ȝour M thinkis guid to meitt in Edinburgh upone the elevin twelt threttine or fourtene dayis of Februar nixtocum or ony uther quhatsumever day or places ȝour M will appoynt Desyrand ȝow to be sa guid that all executionis of law at ȝour M/ instance aganis the said George may ceise to our meitting as ȝour M/ appoynttis quhilk we sall nocht faill to keep God willing And this we pray ȝour M to do for this our requeist. Luiking for ȝour M/ answer quhat we sall lowk for committis ȝour M to the protectioun of God From Jedburgh the xix day of December 1576.

Be ȝour assurit freindis

ANDRO RUTHERFURD of Hundolle.
JOHNNE RUTHERFURD of Hunthill.
RICHART RUTHERFURD of Edȝerston.

To the Richt honorabill and oure assurit
freind the Laird of Lochelevin.

William Stewart to the Laird of Lochleven.

86 Richt honourable Sir efter my humble commendatioun of seruice call[illegible] to rememberance my dewtie I culd do na les than to mak ga[illegible]

aduertefit how that the tua tratoris of boduelhauch hes bene thir foure monethis paſt heir in preſoun quhar the ane doith ȝit remane in ſure kepeing / and the vther (the eldeſt I meane) eſcapit within thir tua nichtis be the moyane of ane voman that had credit of the kepeing of him / To my grit greiff and hawie diſpleſour · ffor Capitane Traill and I had determinat to haiff beſtowit viij ᶜᵐ guldingis for thair chargis as we had conducit with your keparis / And to haiff tranſportit thame to Zeland / thair to haiff remanit in ſure cuſtodie till ȝour M / and vtheris my Lord regentis g / freindis (quha reſtis with God) had bene aduertefit The Ranſoun that vas demandit for thame baith vas vjᵐ crownis bot [our] vtter determinat anſwer was iiiᵐ crownis Marie now in reſpect of the abſence of the principale tratour quhat ſalbe done with the vthair I am nocht certane till It ſall pleis ȝour M / to mak me aduertefit / with the quhilk ȝour aduerteiſment / It war requeſit alſo (ſaiffand ȝour M / wiſdome) That fauorable lettres var direct frome the regentis grace and nobilitie to the gouernour of this toun Randering him thankis for the gritt honour he hes done to our Kingis maieſtie and auctoritie in detening thai tratoris ſua lang conſidering the grit requeiſtis and manaſſingis that hes bene vſit to him be the haile nobilitie and principale papiſtis of this countrey in the fauouris of thai tua tratouris / In the meane tyme I am conſtranit to enter my ſelff in band to him that vas the firſt occaſioun of thair apprehenſioun / vthairuayis I culd nocht be aſſurit of his ſure kepeing that ȝit remanis · Thairfoir It vill pleis ȝour M / Togidder with the reſt of ȝour wyſe freindis to deliberat and avys quhat is beſt to be done in the premiſſes Quhairin my gude will / piſſance / and creditt / ſalbe employit vpone ȝour M / aduerteiſment as in all thingis ellis quhairin / I may be able to do ȝour M / honour and ſeruice · Taking to vitnes the eternale God quha mot haiff ȝour M / in his protectioune Frome Briſſellis the xxij day of December 1576 ·

Ȝour M / at his power to command with ſeruice

WILLIAM STEWART ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to warne and poind Thomas Brown ·

87 Eftir our hartlie commendatioun ȝe ſall reſſave thir twa preceptis the ane to warne Thomas Brown to Remove fra our twa pairt of the toun and lands of Stevinftoun and Howburn occupiit be him / and the uther to poind his reddieft cornes cattell guidis and geir for the mailles and deweteis therof of the ȝeris bigane ſen the deceis of umquhile Williame Ker of the ȝair thair is rowme left in the precept of poinding for the tyme of the ſaid umquhill Williame deceis / for the ſpace of the ȝeris ſenſyne / and for the quantitie of the ȝeirlie deweties as ȝe may perſave / quharintill ȝe ſall ſpeik the ſaid Thomas and according to his declaratioun or as ȝe may have ferder tryall thair fill up the ſaidis blankis of the precept and caus John Giffert execute baith the preceptis of wairning and poinding / and lat the guiddis and cornes be prayſit / and deliver thame agane to the ſaid Thomas upoun his promeis of payment of the ſaidis deweteis betuix this and the feift of Witſonday nixtocum And ſend the preceptis with a tikket of the executiones therof to ws with diligence And ſwa we bid ȝow fair weill ffrom Halierudhous this xviij of Marche 1576 ·

To our traift freind George Douglas ſone to Hector Douglas in Spittlehawch and in his abſence to the ſaid Hector his fader ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

88 Rycht traift coufing eftir our hartlie commendatioun vpoun complaint maid of the lait difpleafour offerit be 3ow to my lord of Abirbrothok as he raid throw Fyff IT is thocht convenient be the counfall that the mater tending to the troubill and brek of the cuntre falbe tryit and ordourit be the nobilitie and counfale And that 3e and the lord Abirbrothok fall bayth fend 3our commiffionaris heir agane the xx day of Maij nixtocum inftructit to informe ws and the counfall particularlie of 3our greiffis qwerrellis and cauffis of complaint That the occafionis being confiderit of afoir hand We may the mair eafelie refolue on that quhilk is to be done for the weill and quietnes of the cuntre And to the effect that this intendit ordour fall not be impedit with ony further troubill We haue fend ane affurance to 3ow to be fubfcriuit quhilk we defire 3ow effectuuflie to do and returne it with this berare As 3e will declair 3our obedient gude will to the obferuatioun of quietnes and do ws acceptabill pleafour Sa we commit 3ow in the protectioun of God At Halyruidhous the xxix day of Marche 1577 ·

3our affurit freind

To our rycht traift coufing the Laird of Lochlevin · JAMES REGENT ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

89 Coufing Lochlevin · We reffauit 3our lettre declaring that the erll of Buchan had fchewin 3ow / that thair wes chargeis direct from ws and the Counfale / to charge 3ow to fubfcriue ane affurance to the abbat of Arbroith quhairof 3e marvellit · It is trew / thair is a charge direct vnto 3ow / in the kingis name and counfale / that affurance falbe gevin and takin on baith fydes / And that for gude order and rule to be kepit in

the cuntrie / quhilk during the tyme of oure office and charge we ar bound of dewty to ſee the ſame obſervit and kepit And truſtis that all oure freindis will reſpect the ſame and not gif occaſioun to the contrary / gif maters fall out vtherwyſe nor may ſtand with law and reaſoun be oure freindis then ſall the burding thairof be laid vpoun us / and that to oure reproche / gif order beis not put to the ſame / We traiſt / the courſe we haue taken be als honorable and caffull to ȝow as ony cours beſides that quhilk is already tane / can be taken / We wiſhe ȝow to wey and conſider thir maters and tak the liklyeſt / and that for divers reſpectis ·

We perſave be ȝoure lettre / that the commoning betuix ȝow and Alexander Balfoure is expyrit and not appointit / thairfore we will reſt fra ony farther dealing in that matter till we knaw ȝoure mynd ·

As to the Lord Maxwell / We deſire ȝow to keip bak ȝoure hand from making him ony new title till farther reſolution be taken betuix ȝow and ws / Sa We commit ȝow to God At Thomptalloun the aucht day of Aprile 1577 ·

Ȝour gude freind

JAMES REGENT ·

To oure couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

90 Rycht traiſt couſing eftir our hartlie commendatioun / The complaint maid be ȝow to ws anent the generalitie of the aſſurance cravit of ȝow wes declarit be ws to the counſale / Be quhais auiſe It is thocht gude that the ſamyn be alterit in the twa ſpeciall poyntis complenit vpoun Swa that the ſamyn is now put in ſic termis as We traiſt with reſſoun ȝe can not refuis to ſubſcriue / And ſeing the tyme now ſchortlie approcheis quhilk wes appointit for ordour to be takin anent the contrauerſy and that na thing can be done befoir the aſſurance firſt be paſt · We pray ȝow thairfoir To ſubſcriue and returne this aſſurance with ſic diligence as

ȝe may gudelie / quhairthrow materis may be the bettir handillit for the commoun weill and quietnes of the cuntre in tyme cuming / As ȝe will declair ȝour affectioun thairto and do ws pleasure Thus we commit ȝow to God · At Haliruidhous the xij day of May 1577 ·

Ȝour assurit freind

To our rycht traist cousing the Lard of Lochlevin · JAMES REGENT ·

Litera Roberti Douglas filii Gulielmi Douglas de Lochleven ·

91 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and sindrie ꝛc Wit ȝe ws with avise and consent of oure rycht trest cousing James erle of Mortoun lord Dalkeith Regent to ws our realme and lieges To have gevin and grantit to oure lovit Robert Dowglas sone and appeirrand air to Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin the waird nonentres malis fermis and dewiteis of all and sindrie the townis and landis of Cuthill Burngranys alias Burnsyde ꝛc lyand within our schirefdome of Perth Of all ȝeiris and termis bygane that the samyn hes bene in oure handis ꝛc be ressoun of waird and nonentres or athir of thame sen the deceis of umquhile Jhonne Charteris of Cuthilgurdye ꝛc Gevin under oure Privie seill At Halyruidhous the sevintene day of Januar The ȝeir of God I^m V^c threscoir sevintene ȝeiris And of our regnne the ellevint ȝeir ·

Per signaturam manu dicti Domini Regentis subscriptam ·

James Earl of Mortoun Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

92 Traist cousing efter our maist hertlie commendatioun / We have ressauit ȝour lettres the first of the xxvj of Februare / desiring ws to accept ȝour guidwill in gude part / quhairof we thank ȝow indeid / howbeit we be not vnmyndfull of our awin estait / nor ȝit of our grund as ȝe wrait Neyther we traist in reason sall it be fund that we haue omittit our dewitie to-

wardes the Kingis Majeſtie / Nor in our default loſt the freindſhip of his hienes weilwillaris / Quhat ȝe meane be the treating of the Kingis inymeis / we can not weill anſuer vnto / being ſa generall / Bot gif ȝe wer plane with ws thairin / we wald anſuer ȝow in the like playnnes / Indeid it is knawin that the neceſſitie of his hienes awin eſtaitt and of his realme and haill ſubjectis efter the lang troubles (quhairin our awin burding wes not leaſt) required peax / quhilk being treatit and concludit be the cheif nobilmen then obedient to his hienes auctoritie / We haif ſenſyne bene alwayes cairfull to preſerve it / Off intent with Gods grace to haif deliuerit the governament peciable and quiet in his awin handes / thinking na thing mair dangerous in his minoritie then the renouatioun of troubles And the better to interteny this quietnes We haue done iuſtice / and ſhewen our ſelff thairin / and in thingis promiſſed indifferent to all / as the only meanis to retene the realme in vnitie and obedience / Quhat is now intendit and practiſed to the contrary / Or quhether the alteracioun of this courſe ſall pruif for the honour and weill of his Majeſtie and the benefite of the haill realme / tyme and experience will declair / And for our proceidingis and adminiſtratioun in our charge / We may weill juſtefie it prayſed be God / before the King the Eſtaittis of Scotland and all vtheris in the warld being reaſonable and indifferent ·

As tueching the Maiſter of Marris aduertiſement / how vpoun knawlege of the erll of Ergilis cuming to Striueling / the Kingis Maieſtie commandit to gif him acces and a chalmer within the caſtell quhairanent we hard nathing from him ſelf · Quhat it ſall pleas his hienes to command ſall alſua pleas ws Bot We conſidder weill anewch / that his Maieſties will or commandment is not to command ony thing that is aganis his awin obedience (as this is) without he be finiſterlie perſuadit ſa to do / Neyther wes the Maiſter ȝour vncle now ignorant that the erll of Ergile wes at the horne / as the laſt time he pretendit / We ar evill and vnthankfullie acquite for our guidwill borne to the houſe of Mar / Bot it may ſa fall out that as thay deale with ws Sa may thay be delt with in tyme als vnmeitt / be thair new freindſhip ·

We thank ȝow hertlie of ȝour laſt lettre and aduertiſment tueching the erll of Athollis repairing to Striueling / Prayand ȝow to continew ȝour aduertiſementis as ȝe ſall ſee occaſioun from tyme to tyme / And althocht We will not deſire ȝowr ſelf to pas to Striueling / ȝit we wald ȝe ſuld haue ſum thair / to behald and conſidder the maner / that be ȝour gude meanys We may haif ſum certane intelligence of thair ettilling and proceidingis / ffor the Kingis Majeſtie being weill / quhilk is our cheiff cair / We are the leſs thochtfull of vther thingis / bot ſall meitt thaim as we may.

Mr Randolphe is to be in Striueling and to preſent a taken and lettres from the Quene of England to the Kingis Majeſtie this nixt tyſday / The effect of his meſſaige as we can ȝit perceave is to ſalute the King vpoun report of his vertuus and gude qualities and to declair the Quene of Englandis fauour and gude affectioun towardis him and his eſtaitt / The troublous eſtait and apparent dangeris in Flanders and France movis this / and a deſire that ſhe hes of the continewance of the freindſhip of this cuntrie. In Flanders ſen the defaitt the ſtates ar reportit to haue recoverit ſum couraige / and that in a ſkarmyſhe the eldeſt bruder of Boithwelhauch ſuld be taken preſoner / we haue gottin as ȝit na aduertizement of thay thingis from ony ſcottiſman / Thus reſting for the preſent quhill we ſall heir further from ȝow / as ȝe ſall find the apperance and proceiding in thingis / Committis ȝow in the protectioun of the Almichtie AT Halyruidhous the ſecond of Marche 1577.

Ȝour aſſured freind

JAMES REGENT.

Althogh in our lettre we deſyr ȝow to ſend to Striueling / We remitt it in ȝour awin chois and conſideratioune quhether ȝe think meittar to gang or ſend / As ȝe think ȝe may haue maiſt ſure intelligence of thair intentionis and proceidingis that be ȝow we may be certifiit thairof.

To oure traiſt Couſing the
Laird of Lochleven.

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

93 Traift Coufing efter our maift hertly commendatioune / The Englis Ambaſſadouris as we ſchew ȝow of befor rydis the morne to Striueling / and my lord of Angus the Chancellair and Theſaurair rydis weſt lykewyſe / Quherfore We wald think it meitt that ȝe alſua ſuld be thair weſt at the ſame tyme ·

Prayand ȝow to addreſs ȝour ſelf to be thair the morne at evin / Or ellis howſone thairefter as ȝe can / Seing thair tary is not to be lang thair / And thairfore the ſounair the bettir / At ȝour cuming ȝe will vnderſtand be my Lord of Angus my awin meaning / And ſa leving all vther thing thervnto / and ȝour anſuer and aduertizement thairefter we commit ȝow in the protectioun of the Almichtie At Halyruidhouſe the thrid day of marche 1577 ·

ȝour affured freind ·

To oure traift Coufing the Laird of Lochlevin · JAMES REGENT ·

James Earl of Morton Regent to the Laird of Lochleven ·

94 Traift Coufing efter our maift hertlie commendatioune · We reſſauit ȝour lettre of the thrid of marche / And as we tak ȝour playnnes thairin in gude pairt / As proceiding from a friend and kynniſman / in quhais gude affectioun toward ws we neuir doubtit / Sa ȝe may not think it ſtrange That we purge our ſelff of ſafer of ȝour accuſatioun / as in conſcience we fynd with our ſelf to haif offendit in / As tueching our offence to God / we intend not to excuſe it bot to ſubmitt ws to his mercy · ffor ambicioun ſurely we think nane can juſtlie accuſe ws / ffor in our priva eſtait we culd and can leif als weill contented as ony of our degre in Scotland / without further aſpiring / The bearing of the charge of the gove

Difcharge by the Privy Council of Scotland to James Earl of Mortoun of his Regiment.

At Striuiling Caftell the twelft day of Marche the yeir of God I^{m} V^{c} *threfcoir fevintene yeiris.*

95 THE KINGIS Maieftie nobilitie and eftaittis convenit Vnderftanding how eftir the lang trublis and dangerous ciuile wear quhairwith this Realme wes inquietit frome the birth and coronatioune of his Majeftie vnto the moneth of Nouember The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxij ȝeiris vmquhile Johnne erll of Mar lord Erfkin than regent to his hienes his Realme and liegis being laitlie deceiffit Att the erneft fuit of the Nobilitie and eftaittis than convenit The nobill and michtie lord James erll of Mortoune lord of Dalkeith being nominat and electit be thame Acceptit vpoune him the regiment of our fouerane lord his Realme and liegis Quhilk electioune and nominatioune with his acceptatioune of the faid charge being dewlie ratifeit and confermit be his hienes and his eftaittis in his Maiefteis Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Januar The ȝeir of God foirfaid / He according thairto enterit in the adminiftratioun of the Regiment of this realme in a maift peralous tyme The Caftell of Edinburgh than being ftuffit and detenit aganis his hienes be his rebellis and a greit nowmer of the principallis of the Nobilitie than ftanding difobeydient to his hienes authoritie Quhilk caftell being recoverit and the diffobedient fubiectis and haill eftait fchortlie pacifiit be the prudent and diligent travellis of the faid erll of Mortoune regent with greit and fumptuous chairgis He hes fenfyne worthelie vfit and execute the regiment o[illegible] this realme quhill that now the end of the twelft ȝeir of our fouerane[illegible] lordis aige approcheing His Majeftie with auife of the faidis Nobilitie an[illegible] eftaittis hes thocht meit that the governament of his Realme falbe frome[illegible] this furth exerceit be him felf The faid lord regent having lang wifhei[illegible] his Majefteis awin habilitie for the charge and craveing na thing mai[illegible] erniftlie than to be difburdynnit thairof with the honoure and fuirtie [illegible]

imput to him be his Majeſtie for ony falt or deid done be him his miniſteris and ſeruandis in the ſaid adminiſtratioune in the regiment during the ſpace and tyme thairof And the ſaid acquittance and diſcharge his hienes with auiſe and conſent of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis hes willit and grantit to be als vailliabill and of als greit ſtrenth force and effect in all reſpectis As gif the hieeſt cryme that can or may be Impute to ony perſoun wer ſpecialie expreſſit thairin Diſchairging all his hienes Judges and Miniſteris of his lawis That nane of thame attempt ony thing in the contrair thairof and of thair offices in that part And als his Majeſtie with auiſe of the ſaidis Nobilitie and eſtaittis hes diſchairgit quitclamit and exonerit the ſaid lord regent his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris his miniſteris factouris and ſeruandis Off all ſowmes of money cunȝeit and vncunȝeit All maillis fermes proffeittis rentis revennes and dewiteis baith of the propir patrimony and caſualitie of the realme and dominionis and of his Majeſties cunȝie and proffeit thairof The thriddis of benefices with all vtheris guidis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir alſweill vnnamit as namit pertening or that mycht onywyiſs have pertenit to his Majeſtie ſen the ſaid lord Regentis intromiſſioune with the ſaid office of Regiment intromettit with be him his Miniſteris factouris or ſeruandis in his name during the ſaid ſpace And hes willit and grantit that the ſaid exoneratioune and diſcharge be als vailiabill and of als greit ſtrenth force and effect to exoner quitclame and diſcharge the ſaid lord Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris of ony thing of quhatſumeuir valew greit or ſmall that may be aſkit requirit or perſewit be his Maieſtie or his ſucceſſouris aganis the ſaid Regent his airis executouris aſſignais or ſucceſſouris as appertening to his Maieſtie be ony richt or titill during the ſaid ſpace of the regiment and adminiſtratioune abonewrittin lyke [illegible] the ſame hed bene ſpecialie expremit in this preſent Diſcharge And lik[illegible] as all the greteſt and maiſt vailliabill thingis with the quhilkis he may [illegible] chairgit had bene heirintill expremit Exceptit alwyiſs the Jowellis a[illegible] pleniſſingis of his hienes houſſes cleithing artailȝerie and mvnitiou[illegible] pertening to his Majeſtie or his darreſt moder Intromettit with and [illegible]

the lang trublis and dangerous ciuile weir quhairwith this Realme wes inquyettit frome the birthe and coronatioun of the Kingis Majeſtie oure ſouerane lord vnto the monethe of November the ȝeir of God I^m V^c threſcoir tuelff ȝeiris vmquhile Johnne Erle of Mar Lord Erſkin then Regent to his hienes his realme and liegis being laitlie deceiſſit / at the eirniſt ſute of the nobilitie and eſtatis then convenit The noble and mīchtie lord James Erle of Mortoun lord of Dalkeithe being nominat and electit be thame acceptit vpoun him the regiment of our ſouerane lord his realme and liegis quhilk electioun and nominatioun with his acceptatioun of the ſaid charge being dewlie ratifyit and confermit be his hienes and his eſtatis in his Majeſties Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Januar the ȝeir of God foirſaid / He according therto enterit in the adminiſtratioun of the regiment of this realme in a maiſt perillous tyme / the Caſtell of Edinburgh then being ſtuffit and detenit aganis his hienes be his rebellis and a gritt nomber of the principallis of the nobilitie then ſtanding diſſobedient to his hienes authoritie Quhilk Caſtell being recoverit and the diſſobedient ſubiectis and haill eſtaite ſchortlie pacifyit be the prudent and diligent travellis of the ſaid Erle of Mortoun Regent with greitt and ſumptuous chargis / he hes ſenſyne worthelie vſit and exercit the regiment of this realme / quhill that now the end of the tuelft ȝeir of our ſouerane lordis aige approcheing / His Majeſtie with our avyſe hes thocht meitt that the governament of his realme ſalbe frome this furth exerceit be him ſelff / The ſaid Lord Regent having lang wiſheit his Majeſties awin habilitie for the charge and craving na thing mair eirniſtlie then to be diſburdeynit therof with the honor and ſuirtie of his Majeſties perſoun and eſtate and the publict peax and tranquillitie of his realme and ſubiectis Hes frelie at his hienes deſyir dimittit and randerit vnto his Majeſtie the power and authoritie of the ſaid regiment To be vſit and exercit be him ſelff And his Majeſtie having guid pruiff and experience of the faithfull and trew ſeruice done be the ſaid lord Regent to his hienes in his tender aige alſweill befor the acceptatioun of the regiment of the realme as ſenſyne for the defens and ſaulfftie of his

perſoun and authoritie cheiflie in the dangerous trublis than occurring and being myndfull of the ſaid guid and faithfull ſervice · In reſpect therof and that vtheris of the nobilitie that may happin to be employed in his hienes ſeruice may ſerue his Majeſtie and his ſucceſſouris with the gretar affectioune in tyme cumming Hes therfoir with our aduyſe found declarit and decernit That the ſaid lord Regent hes dewtifullie lauchfullie iuſtlie and diligentlie exercit his ſaid office of regiment and all affairis cauſſis and chargis therto appertening And hes trewlie as accordit in all reſpectis adminiſtrat the ſame fra the tyme of the accepting therof to the daitt of thir preſentis and euir during the ſame ſpace in all his procedingis in the governament of this realme kepit ane trew afauld and juſt pairte towarde our ſouerane lord his realme and liegis in all the affaires therof without cryme offence or fault And therfoir His Majeſtie with our aduyſe and counſale hes declarit and decernit That the ſaid lord Regent his airis and ſucceſſouris ſall nocht be accuſable of ony maner of cryme of quhatſumeuir greitnes or wecht without exceptioun that may be alledgit committit be him in tyme bypaſt Bot that he is and ſalbe in all tyme cumming ſiclic diſchargit and exonerit of all accuſatioun or ony vtherwyis proceding moving of pley or queſtioun aganis him or his ſucceſſours for ony caus cryme or occaſioun of cryme quhatſumeuir that may be imput to him how gritt ſo euir the ſame be And that his hienes foirſaid declaratioun be ane ſufficient exoneratioun and acquittance to the ſaid lord Regent his airis ſucceſſouris and aſſignayis of all crymes queſtionis or offenſſis that can or may be criminallie or ciuillie imputt to him be his Majeſtie for ony fact or deid done be him his Mini eris and ſeruandis in the ſaid adminiſtratioun of the regiment during the tyme and ſpace therof And the ſaid acquittance and diſcharge His Hienes with our aduyſe and conſent hes willit and grauntit to be als valiable and of als greitt ſtrenthe force and effect in all reſpectis As gif the hieaſt cryme that can or may be imputt to ony perſone wer ſpeciallie expreſſit therin Diſcharging all his hienes Judgis and Miniſteris of his Lawis That nane of thame attempt ony thing in the contrare therof and of ther offices in

that part And als his Majeſtie with our aduyſe hes diſchargit quyteclamit and exonerit the ſaid lord Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris his Miniſteris factouris and ſeruandis of all ſowmes of money cunȝeit and vncunȝeit all maillis fermis proffittis rentis revennewis and dewties bayth of the propir patrimonye and caſualitie of the realme and dominiones and of his Majeſties cunȝe and proffitt therof / The thirdis of benefices with all vtheris guiddis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir alſweill vnnamit as namit pertenyng or that ony wyis mycht haif pertenit to his Majeſtie ſen the ſaid lord Regentis intromiſſioun with the ſaid office of regiment Intromettit with be him his Miniſteris factouris or ſeruandis in his name during the ſaid ſpace And hes willit and grantit that the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge be als valiable and of als greitt ſtrenthe force and effect to exoner quyteclame and diſcharge the ſaid Lord Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis or ſucceſſouris of ony thing of quhatſumeuir valiew grite or ſmall that may be aſkit requyrit or perſewit be his Majeſtie or his ſucceſſouris aganis the ſaid Regent his airis executouris aſſignayis or ſucceſſouris as appertening to his Majeſtie be ony rycht or titill / during the ſaid ſpace of the regiment and adminiſtratioune abone-writtin lyik as the ſamyn had bene ſpeciallie expreſſit in this preſent diſcharge · And lyik as all the greittaſt and maiſt valiable thingis with the quhilkis he may be chargit had bene heirintill expremit Except alwayis the Jowellis and pleniſſing of his hienes houſſis and clething pertening to his Majeſtie or derreſt mother intromettit with and recoverit be the ſaid Lord Regent Quhilkis his hienes willis not ſalbe comprehendit in his ſaid diſcharge Bot the ſaid Lord Regent to ſtand anſuerable for the ſame to his Majeſtie as he ſalbe requirit HEIRFOIR We be thir preſentis Binds and obliſſis ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris conjunctly To the ſaid Erle of Mortoun now Regent his airis executouris and aſſignayis That we ſall move and perſuade oure ſaid ſouerane lord noch onlye to caus his ſaid exoneratioun diſcharge and promeis and euery poynt therof to be ratifyit and apprevit be his hienes and his eſtatis his nixt Parliament To be haldin betuix the date heirof and the

day of nixtocum Bot als to be ratifyit and apprevit [of new in his] hienes firſt Parliament at his lauchtfull and perfyit aige And als dewlie to fulfill To the ſaid Erle now Regent his airis [executouris aſſign]ayis and ſucceſſouris all and ſindrie the premiſſis and euery poynt and article therof as is aboneſpecifyit vnder the pane of . . . . . thouſand pundis money of this realme PROUYDING alwayis That this preſent Diſcharge be not preiudiciall to our ſouerane Lord and his ſucceſſouris in his reuocatioun or reductioun of quhatſumevir Infeftmentis gevin of his hienes propirtie during his minoritie or of the Rycht of quhatſumeuir landis lordſchippis offices or dignities fallin or becumin in his handis be reſſoun of forfaltor recognitioun baſtardrye or vtherwyis pertening to his Majeſtie [be] privieledge of his crowne And for obſeruing and fulfilling of the premiſſis We ar content That this our obligatioune be inſert in the buikis of our ſouerane Lordis Counſale and Parliament To haif the ſtrenthe of ane act and decreitt therof reſpectiue with the authoritie of the ſaidis Lordis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue to be interponit therto with executoriallis to be given thervpoune To poynd and diſtrenȝe ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris for payment of the ſaid ſowme and lettres in the four formes to denunce ws or thame our ſouerane Lordis rebellis incais of failȝe in the premiſſis And to that effect hes maid conſtitute and ordanit and be the tennor heirof makis conſtitutis and ordanis Maiſteris Dauid M°Gill Johnne Schairpe Thomas Craig Alexander Sym Clement Lytill Richart Strang and ilkane of thame coniunctlie and ſeuerallie our lauchfull vndowtit procuratouris Gevand grantand and committand to thame and ilkane of thame our verray full and plane power expres bidding mandiment and charge for ws and in our names To compeir befoir the ſaidis Lordis of Counſale and Parliament reſpectiue at ony tyme or place convenient and ther preſent therto our preſent obligatioun and conſent and caus the ſamyn be regiſtrat in the ſaidis buikis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue to haif the ſtrenthe and effect of ane act and decreitt therof with executoriallis to pas thervpoune as is abone ſpecifyit

IN WITNES of the quhilk thing We haif ſubſcryuit thir preſentis with our handis AT our caſtell of Striueling the Twelft day of merche The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir ſevintene ȝeiris ·

ANGUSS ·
E · ERGYLL ·
JHON L · GLAMMISS ·
MAR ·
ERROLL ·
ATHOLL ·
MONTROIS ·
DAUID ERLE OF CRAUFURD ·
ROBERT Byſchope off Cathnes ·
ERLL OF MENTHT ·
AD · ORCHADEN ·
MORAUIEN ·
R · DUNFERMLING ·
NEWBOTIL ·
WILLIAME L · BORTHUIK ·
J · CONSTABLE of Dunde ·
DEIR ·
ALEXANDER B · of Brechin ·
CATHCART ·
JAMES STEUART ·
ALEX^{R} · Maiſter of Mar ·
TULIBARDIN Comptrollare ·
WILLIAME DOUGLAS of Lochleuin ·
VILLIAM · · · · · ·
ANDRO KER of Faudonſyd ·
CATHENES ·
GLENCARN ·
RUTHVEN ·
JHON L · MAXWELL ·
PATRIK L · LYNDSAY ·
PATRIK Maſter of Gray ·
J · L · OGILVY ·
HEW LORD SOMERWELL ·
J · DUNKELD ·
ROBERT Maſter of Setoun ·
INCHEFFRAY ·
S^{R} JAMES HOUME ·
ALEXANDER HOME ·
BARGANY ·
JHONE STEWART of Tracquair ·
J · SEYTOUN of Tulibodye ·
LORD INNERMEITH ·
CAMBUSKYNNETH ·
ALEXANDER Commendatar of Coldyngham ·
DRYBRUCH ·
DRUMQUHASSILL ·
RO · COLUILL of Cleiſche ·

The Earl of Morton to the Lord Chancellar ·

97 My Lord and coufing / I reffauit a copie of a lettre from ȝour fervand this Sonday at efter none / quhilk lettre wes fend to ȝour L · from the Kingis Majeftie / vpoun informatioun as appeares / that I fuld be fortefeing and victualling the Caftell of Edinburgh / and that I fuld haue haldin the Irnes of the cunȝehous occupeit / and that thair wes giftes and difpofitiones paffing the feillis vpoun my recent fubfcriptioune / and that I fuld retene forces and wes gaddering ma ·

For anfwer / fen my conference had with ȝour L · nother haue I gevin occafioun Nor ȝit was I of mynd to mak ony novatioune other be victualling or fortefeing the Caftell Nor ȝit to mak the Irnes of the cunȝehous to be occupeit Nor hes fubfcriuit nor paft ony gift or difpofitioun be my fubfcriptioun And the forces quhilk I had ar brokin and nane taken vp Thairfore quhafaeuir hes bene the reporters hes done it vpoun malice and that vntrewly ffor as trew as God levis I nother gaif nor myndit to gif ony fic occafioun Bot be the contrar / I am determinat to keip everie word fpokin to ȝour L · and the reft of my lordes being in Commiffioun with ȝou till the fame be fulfillit on my part Other maters taking effect according to oure commoning / This far haue I thocht gude to affure ȝour L · of my meanyng / And prayis ȝow maift hertlie to mak the fame knawin to the King my maifter and famony of the noblemen thair as ȝe think gude / Farther I defire to vnderftand howfar ȝour L · hes procedit in conclufioun of the articles gevin be me vnto ȝow / I traift thay being red and weill confiderit / thair falbe nathing found on my part bot guid faith and feruice vnto the Kingis hienes my maifter And thairfore loukis to reffaue his hienes fauoure and guidwill to continew towardes me · I am maift defirous to be certefeit at lenth from ȝour L · or Alexander Hay be ȝour aduife of the eftate of the maters prefent quhairby I may be the mair able to performe thingis promifit on my part And loukis that ȝe will fee maters to be vprichtlie handillit on the vther fyde / quhairthrow

all Jelofy and fufpicioun may be takin away and the mowthis of fic to be ftoppit as ar bot Inventares of lies / Sa louking for the returne of zour anfwer be this berar / I commit zour L · to the protectioune of God · AT Dalkeith the xvj day of Marche 1577 ·

Zour L · affured freind

MORTOUN ·

Many of thir maters quhairwith I am chargit / I doubt not bot zour L · hes lettin the trewth thairof be vnderftand or now and my trew meaning in all thingis ·

To my lord and Coufing
My Lord Chancellair ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven ·

98 Coufing Lochlevin eftir my herty commendatioune I reffauit zour writing fchawing that my lord of Angus had fteikkin vp the writing that I fend to the Chancellair / and red the fame to the Kingis Majeftie and his counfale / quha tuke weill with the fame / At the Chancellair / the Lord Ruthven and Hereis being laft heir / We appointit be commoning for the deliuery of the Caftell / gif the counfale thair fand the fame gude / The articles I fubfcriuit with my hand and deliuerit thame to the Commiffioners / bot as zit hes reffauit na anfuer / And therfore I pray zow to affift my lord of Angus to crave ane anfwer vnto me / ffor feing it is the Kingis Majefties pleafure to haue his houfe / I am maift willing to deliuer it / and cravis nathing bot a fufficient difcharge of the Kingis Majeftie and counfall for my warrand for deliuerie of the faid Caftell with the Jowellis movables and mvnitioun being thairin and that vpoun Inuentary with a little tyme to tranfport our awin geir that is within the fame / I truft all gude men fall find this reffonable And for my part fall performe the fame / I mynd to tak na vther cours / bot to ferue the King trewly / as

I have done from his birth / It is brutit that thay mynd to ſend and charge the Caſtell to be deliuerit vnder the pane of treſſoun / gif this beis done / then it is my wrak that is ſocht and a great hurt to the King / gif his Jowellis moveables and mvnitioun ſuld be deliuerit without Inuentarie / gif this be in heid to proceid thus / I pray ȝow laboure at ȝour vttermaiſt power at all the Lordes handes to ſtop it / And trewlie I think na gude-man will aggre vnto it / ſeing how reſſonablie I haue offerit my ſelf to ſatiſſie the Kingis pleaſure vtherwyſe / I will deſire ȝow maiſt erniſtlie to joyne with my lord of Angus and ſic vtheris our freindis as ȝe think meit to help to put this mater of the Caſtell to a poynt / For I wald be at that poynt my ſelf to haue nathing ado now / bot to leif quietlie to ſerue my God and the King my maiſter / This deſire and requeiſt I doubt not / the Kingis Maieſtie and all gude men ſall think reſſonable ·

I truſt ȝe haue hard thair wes ſum ſlauchter betuix ſum of the Caſtell and thame of the toun / quhilk is baith lamentit be the toun and ws / It come fooliſhelie on / Thair mon be a reſpeit grantit to the Capitane and the Conſtable with the reſt of thair cumpany for a certane ſpace of ȝeris now quhen the Caſtell beis deliuerit / quhairthrow thair lyffis be not in danger / This ȝe mon travell to obtene and gett with my lord of Angus / for we ſall ſatiſſie the freindes of the ſlayne men / and that be the ſicht of the toun / Farther of my mynd ȝe will vnderſtand be the berar Andro Coninghame To quhom it will pleis ȝow to gif credite / Praying ȝow to returne ȝoure mynd and anſuer vnto me with him · And ſwa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xix^th of Marche 1577 ·

Ȝour aſſured freind and couſing ·

MORTOUN ·

To my richt traiſt freind and couſing
The Lard of Lochlevin ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Earl of Angus ·

99 My Lord and ſone after my herty commendatioune · This trouble that fell betuix the caſtell and toun of Edinburgh is knawin now to haue procedit without ony malice on ayther ſyde / bot be ſum ȝoung dealing of thame of the toun that kepit the Weſt Port / Twa honeſt men of the toun wes heir with me directit fra the reſt / quha declares that we had na malice at thame nor ȝit they at ws And thairfore lamentis the vnhappynes of the deid as we do / And promiſit to me that they wald ſend twa to the King to declare the ſame to his Majeſtie and the Counſale thair Swa that na gude purpois betuix the Kingis hienes and me ſuld ſtay for that cauſe / And I vnderſtand that Mr Michaell Cheſholme and Johnne Johnnſtoun brother to the Laird of Elphinſtoun is directit weſt to the ſame effect / I will deſire ȝow to tak the paines and learne quhat they haue done and how the ſamyn wes taken and aduertiſe me agane the maner thairof ·

The laſt tyme my Lord Chancellair / Ruthven and Hereis wer heir / we wer in commoning vpoun inſtructiones they brocht from the Kingis Majeſtie and counſale / and in a maner aggreit concerning the deliuery of the Caſtell / for I wes content to deliuer the Caſtell to the Kingis Majeſtie or quhom he ſuld appoint to reſſaue the ſame / his hienes and his counſale gevand vnto me a ſufficient diſcharge of the Jowellis movables and mvnitioun being within the ſaid Caſtell for my warrand / Certane articles vpoun this mater I haue returnit with thame ſubſcriuit with my hand / quhairvnto I traiſt my lord Theſaurar will mak ȝow previe / quhairby ȝe may the better vnderſtand that mater / I am reddy to fulfill on my part all thingis promiſit to his hienes Seing he is deſirous to haue the Caſtell I am content to caus deliuer the ſame / The Jowellis movables and mvnitioun thairin being takin of my hand be Inventary / and a discharge deliuerit to me of the ſame / with a little tyme to tranſport the guidis pertening to our ſelffis being thairin / ȝe ſall crave this mater erniſtlie to be put to a poynt / And tak Lochlevin and ſic vther freindis

with ȝow as ȝe think gude to the ſame effect / The brute is heir / that thay mynd to gar charge the Caſtell to be deliuerit vnder the pane of treaſoun / gif that ſalbe done / the King will reſſaue great hurt thairthrow / for gif I ſuld deliuer the Caſtell vpoun a charge / the guidis thairin not being Inuentareit / It wer na doubt his Majeſties great apperand hurt / and altogethir my wrak / for vther men mycht at their pleaſur poſſes and vſe his Jowellis and vther thingis / quhilk I haue with great labouris recoverit / and to this tyme weill kepit / I pray ȝow ſpair na travell to ſtop this at ȝour vttermaiſt pouer / ffor nother reſſoun law nor conſcience can aggre with this order ·

I am ſorie of the Chancellares vnhappy chance / quhilk na doubt is to my greit greif / We mon thank God quhatſumeuir it pleaſis him to ſend / And now ſen God hes viſitit him / ȝe mon tak the mair panes and await the harder vpoun thir maters of myne And leif ȝour paſtyme till ȝe haue thame put to a poynt / gif the Kingis Majeſties pleaſur be that ȝe ſall remane with him / tarie ſalang as is his pleaſur / Marie in the meyntyme I pray ȝow ſe that ȝour freindis tak na hurt Otherwyſe ȝour courting ſeruis to litle purpois / ȝe mon gett a reſpett to my brother the Capitane the Conſtable and the reſt that wer with thame for this lait vnhappy ſlauchter in Edinburgh / for it wilbe verie hard to thame to deliuer the Caſtell / not having a reſpett / The ſlauchter being ſa recent / I pray ȝow to aduiſe vpoun thir maters wyſelie with ȝour wyſe freindes and put thame to a poynt / Lett me be aduertiſt fra ȝow of the eſtate of all maters as thay ſtand / with ȝour opinioun and the freindis thair quhat ȝe think beſt to be done / And ſa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xix day of Marche 1577 ·

ȝour aſſured

MORTOUN ·

To my lord and ſonne
The erll of Angus ·

Agreement between James Earl of Mortoun and the Earl of Rothes and Lords Ruthven and Hereis ·

100 Concerning the deliverance of the Caſtell of Edinburgh Jowellis Artail-ȝearie mvnitioun and movablis pertening to our ſouerane Lord and his derreſt moder and of the Diſcharge to be gevin therof to James erle of Mortoun lait Regent IT is aggreit betuix his Lordſchip on that ane part And the nobill and mychtie Lordis Andro Erle of Rothes Lord Leſlie &c. Williame Lord Ruthven theſaurer to our ſouerane lord and Johne Lord Herreis his hienes commiſſioneris in his Majeſteis name vpone that vther part That the ſecuritie of the ſaid Erle of Mortonis diſcharge being finiſchit and perfytit as the ſamyn is now correctit and deliuerit to the ſaidis commiſſioneris The ſaid Erle of Mortoun ſalbe reddy be him ſelf or vtheris qualifeit perſonis quhom he ſall appoynt to concur with our ſouerane lordis commiſſioneris that ſalbe vpone the vther part appoyntit for making of the Inventar of the gudis movable and munitioune to be deliuerit And to begin the xxv day of marche inſtant at houris befoir none And continew in all deligence with convenient ſpeid till the ſamyn be perfytit And the ſaid Caſtell with all the movablis and vtheris to be contenit in the ſaid Inventar To be deliuerit to the commiſſioneris to be depute to that effect within xlviij houris nixt efter the ſaid Inventar be perfytit Providing that at the deliuerance therof the ſecuritie of the ſaid Erle of Mortoun diſchairge as the ſamyn is deviſit als weill be the Kingis Majeſtie as be Nobilitie and eſtaitis be deliuerit vnto him Subſcryvit be the ſaid Erle of Mortoune and the Commiſſioneris foirſaidis AT Dalkeyth the xx day of marche The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} thrie ſcoir ſevintene ȝeiris ·

MORTOUN ·

ROTHES · RUTHVEN · L· HERYS ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven ·

01 Traiſt freind efter my herty commendatioun I have ſend this berar Johnne Douglas my ſervand to confer with ȝow upoun ſic materis as I have committit to him in credite Be reſſoun of quhais ſufficiency I will not trouble ȝow with a lang letter Bot deſiris ȝow to returne me anſwer be him of the maters that he hes to confer upoun with ȝow And ſwa I commit ȝow to God AT Dalkeith the xxj day of Marche 1577 ·

Ȝoure aſſured freind

MORTOUN ·

To my traiſt freind and couſing
The Lard of Lochlevin ·

Litera Exemptionis Jacobi comitis de Mortoun domini de Dalkeith ·

02 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and ſindrie oure Judges and Miniſteris of oure lawis and all utheris oure liegis and ſubdittis quhome it efferis quhais knawlege thir oure letters ſalcum greting Forſamekill as oure richt traiſt couſing and counſalour James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith lait Regent to ws oure realme and liegis hes trewlie worthellie and dewtifullie adminiſtrat the ſaid Regiment ꝛc· ꝛc· And be his earneſt cair gud travell takin thairin As als be reſſoun of his greit aige being now paſt threſcoir ane ȝeiris ꝛc· Thairfoir Exemis oure ſaid richt traiſt couſing and counſalour in his awin proper perſoun allanerlie fra all aſſembleis conventionis oiſtis raidis or armeis appointit to be convenit in ony tyme heireſtir during the ſpace of thir oure letters ꝛc· ATTOUR We for the guid trew and thankfull ſervice done to ws be oure ſaid traiſt couſing and counſalour ꝛc· be thir our letters reſſavis him his landis ꝛc· in oure ſpeciall ſalfgaird mantenance and defence ꝛc· Gevin

under oure previe ſeill AT Striuiling Caſtell the twentie four day of Merche The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir ſevintene ȝeiris And of oure Regnne the ellevint ȝeir ·

Per Signaturam Manu S · D · N · Regis ſubſcriptam ·

Act anent the Election of the Kingis Secret Council ·

AT the Caſtell of Striueling the xxiiij day of Marche The yeir of God I^{m} V^{c} *lxxvij yeris ·*

103 Forſamekle as oure Souerane Lord having acceptit the governament of his hienes realme in his awin perſoun vpoun the voluntary dimiſſioun of James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith late Regent to his hienes his realme and liegis His Majeſtie be aduiſe of his nobilitie and eſtaites hes now thocht gude To elect and cheis ſex of the temporall and thre of the ſpirituall eſtait / to be ordinares of his hienes ſecrete counſale To remane togidder for furthſetting of his Majeſties auctoritie and adminiſtratioune of Juſtice / quhill the nixt Parliament appointit to be haldin the tent day of Julij nixtocum Thay ar to ſay

Colene erll of Ergile lord Campbell and Lorne
Johne erll of Athole lord of Balvany
Johnne erll of Montrois lord Grahame
George erll of Caithnes
Patrik lord Lyndſay of the Byres
Johnne lord Hereis
Alexander Erſkin of Gogar
In abſence of William maiſter of Marſchall The commendater of Deir his brother
Robert biſchop of Caithnes
Mark commendater of Newbottle

Togidder with William lord Ruthven his Majeſties theſaurar Robert commendater of Dunfermling ſecretar Maiſter George Buchannan kepar

of the previe ſeill Sir William Murray of Tullybardin knycht comptrollar and Maiſter James Makgill of Rankeloure nedder clerk of regiſter ·

The perſonis vnderwrittin to be vpoun the counſale quhen they ar preſent or quhen our ſouerane lord ſendis for thame ·

Archibald erll of Angus lord Douglas and Abirnethy
Johnne erll of Mar lord Erſkin
Andro erll of Rothes
Hew erll of Eglintoun
Andro erll of Erroll
William erll of Glencarne
William erll of Menteith
Johnne lord Maxwell
James lord Ogilvie
Patrik lord Gray and in his abſence Maiſter of Gray his ſone
James lord Innermeith
Adam biſchop of Orknay
Dauid commendater of Dryburgh
Adam commendater of Cambuſkynneth

And becaus oure ſouerane Lord may oftymes be circumvenit and diſſauit in ſubſcriuing in diuers ſignatouris of infeftmentis donationes giftes conductis and remiſſiones / and ſiclik vther lettres tueching his Majeſtie in his caſualitie or propertie IT is thairfore concludit decernit and ordanit be his hienes with auiſe of the ſaidis nobilitie and eſtaites That na ſic giftes ſignatouris and remiſſiones reſpettis conductis or vtheris lettres ſall pas in tyme cuming without the aduiſe and conſent of the ſaides Lordes of ſecrete counſale And that all ſic lettres and ſignatouris be firſt ſubſcriuit be ſamony of the ſaid ordinar counſale as ſalbe preſent for the tyme to the nowmer of ſex perſonis at the feweſt ſittand togidder in counſale The Chancellair alwayes being ane And gif ony ſic lettres ſalhappin to pas without thair conſentis and ſubſcriptiones in maner foirſaid The ſamin to be of nane avale force nor effect thairefter And ordanis and commandis the kepar of the great ſeill previe ſeill and ſignet That nane of thame

anſuer nor pas the ſaides ſeillis nor ſignet to ony lettres bot ſic as ſalbe ſubſcriuit in maner foirſaid As thay will anſwer vpoun thair office / And this order to indure quhill the ſaid Parliament appointit the ſaid tent day of Julij nixt .

The Nobiliteis Obligatioune to the Erll of Mortoune anent the Randering of Edinburgh Caſtell .

104 BE IT KEND till all men be thir preſent lettres WE the Nobiliti[illegible]e eſtaittis and vtheris underſubſcriuand fforſamekill as vpoun the voluntar[illegible]y dimiſſioun of James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeyth lait regent to ou[illegible]r ſouerane lord his realme and liegis Of the power and authoritie of t[illegible]e regiment of this realme To be vſit and exerceit be his Majeſteis ſelf [illegible]in tyme cuming His hienes with auiſe of his nobilitie and eſtaittis hes [illegible]x- onerit quitclamit and diſchargeit him Of his office and adminiſtratioun [illegible]of the regiment of this realme ſen his acceptatioun therof And of all ſown[illegible]es of money cunzeit and vncunzeit All males fermis proffeittis rentis reven[illegible]es dewiteis bayth of the propir patrimony and caſualitie of this realme a[illegible]d dominionis And of his Majeſteis cunze and proffeit thairof The thridis [illegible]of benefices and all vtheris gudis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir alſweill [illegible]n- nemmyt as nemmyt pertening or that ony wayis mycht haif pertenit [illegible]o his hienes ſen the ſaid erllis intromiſſioun with the ſaid office of regim[illegible]t Intromettitwith be him his miniſteris factouris or feruitouris in his na[illegible]e during the ſaid ſpace Except alwayis his Majeſties Jowellis and ple[illegible]ſ- ſingis of his hienes houſſis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun pert[illegible]n- ing to his hienes or his deareſt moder intromettitwith and recoverit [illegible]e the ſaid erll / quhilkis his Majeſtie declarit ſould not be comprehendit [illegible]n the ſaid diſcharge Bot he to ſtand anſuerabill to his hienes for the ſa[illegible]e as he ſould be requirit as in his Majeſteis exoneratioun and diſcharge [illegible]t mair lenth is contenit And now the ſaid erll having at command a[illegible]d requiſitioun of his hienes realie and with effect deliuerit to his Maje[illegible]e

and Williame Lord Ruthuen his hienes thefaurare and Patrik Lord Lindefay of the Byris Conjunctlie his hienes commiffionaris in his name havand power to that effect his Caftell of Edinburgh with all Jowellis pleniffingis of his hienes houfes and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun pertening to his Majeftie or his deareft moder contenit in ane Inuenture maid betuix the faid erll on the ane part and his hienes commiffionaris foirfaidis fpecialie conftitute to this effect on the vther part fubfcriuit with thair handis and interchangeably deliuerit The ane to the faid erll To be kepit be him for his fecuritie and the vther to his Majefteis clerk of regifter to be kepit in his hienes regifter to his behuif Thairfoir his Majeftie with our auife hes exonerit quitclamit and difchargeit the faid erll his airis executouris fucceffouris and affignayis Of the faid Caftell of Edinburgh All and findry the faidis Jowellis pleniffingis of his Majefteis houffis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun alfweill pertening to his hienes as his faid deareft moder intromettitwith and recoverit be the faid erll contenit in the faid Inuenture And hes grantit and declarit the effect of the faid exceptioun contenit in the faid exoneratioun and difcharge fulfillit fatiffiit and performit be the faid erll Of famekill as is contenit in the faid Inuenture And that his hienes exoneratioun and difcharge foirfaid falbe als valiable and fufficient in all refpectis as gif the faid haill Inuenture and euery pece and parcell therin contenit wer in the fame difcharge expreflie mentionat Promitting in the fayth and word of a prince be our auife neuir to revoke the faid difcharge nor to cum in the contrair thairof in ony tyme heireftir And forder with auife of his eftaittis nobilitie and counfale his Majeftie hes bund and obleift him felf and his fucceffouris To freith relief and keip fkaythles the faid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and fucceffouris Of all and quhatfumeuir contenit in the faid exoneratioun and difcharge at the handis of quhatfumeuir perfoun or perfonis havand or that fall pretend rycht clame or intereffe thairto HEIRFOIR We be thir prefentis bindis and obleiffis ws our airis executouris affignayis and fucceffouris conjunctlie To the faid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and affignayis That we fall move and per-

ſwade our ſaid ſouerane lord Not onelie to caus his ſaid exoneratioun diſcharge and promeis and euery point therof to be ratifiit and approvit be his hienes and his eſtaittis in his nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix the dait heirof and the Twenty day of Julij nixtocum Bot als to be ratifiit and approvit of new in his hienes firſt Parliament at his hienes lauchfull and perfyte aige And als dewlie to fulfill to the ſaid erll his airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris all and ſindry the premiſſis and euery point and article thairof as is abone ſpecifiit vnder the payne of fyve hundreth thowſand pundis money of this realme And farther be the tennour heirof We bind and obleiſs ws and our airis executouris and ſucceſſouris To freith releif and keip ſkaythles the ſaid erll of Mortoun his airis executouris and ſucceſſouris Of all and quhatſumeuir contenit in the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge of the ſaid Caſtell Jowellis pleniſſingis clething artaillierie and mvnitioun contenit in the ſaid Inuenture at the handis of quhatſumeuir perſoun or perſonis havand or that ſall pretend richt clame or intereſſe thairto And for obſeruing and fulfilling of the premiſſis We ar content that this our obligatioun be inſert in the bukis of our ſouerane lordis counſale and Parliament To haif the ſtrenth of ane act and decreit thairof reſpectiue With the authoritie of the ſaidis lordis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue to be interponit therto With executoriallis to be gevin thairupoun To poind and diſtrenȝe ws our airis executouris aſſignayis and ſucceſſouris for payment of the ſaid ſowme And lettres in the four formes To Denunce ws or thame oure ſouerane lordis rebellis in cais of failȝe in the premiſſis And to that effect hes maid conſtitute and ordanit And be the tennour heirof makis conſtitutis and ordanis Maiſteris Dauid Makgill Johnne Scharp Thomas Craig Alexander Sym Clement Littill Richard Strang And ilkane of thame conjunctlie and ſeueralie Oure lauchfull vndoutit procuratouris Gevand grantand and committand to thame and ilkane of thame Oure verie full and plane power expres bidding mandment and charge for ws and in oure names To compeir befoir the ſaidis lordis of counſale and Parliament reſpectiue at ony tyme or place convenient And thair preſent

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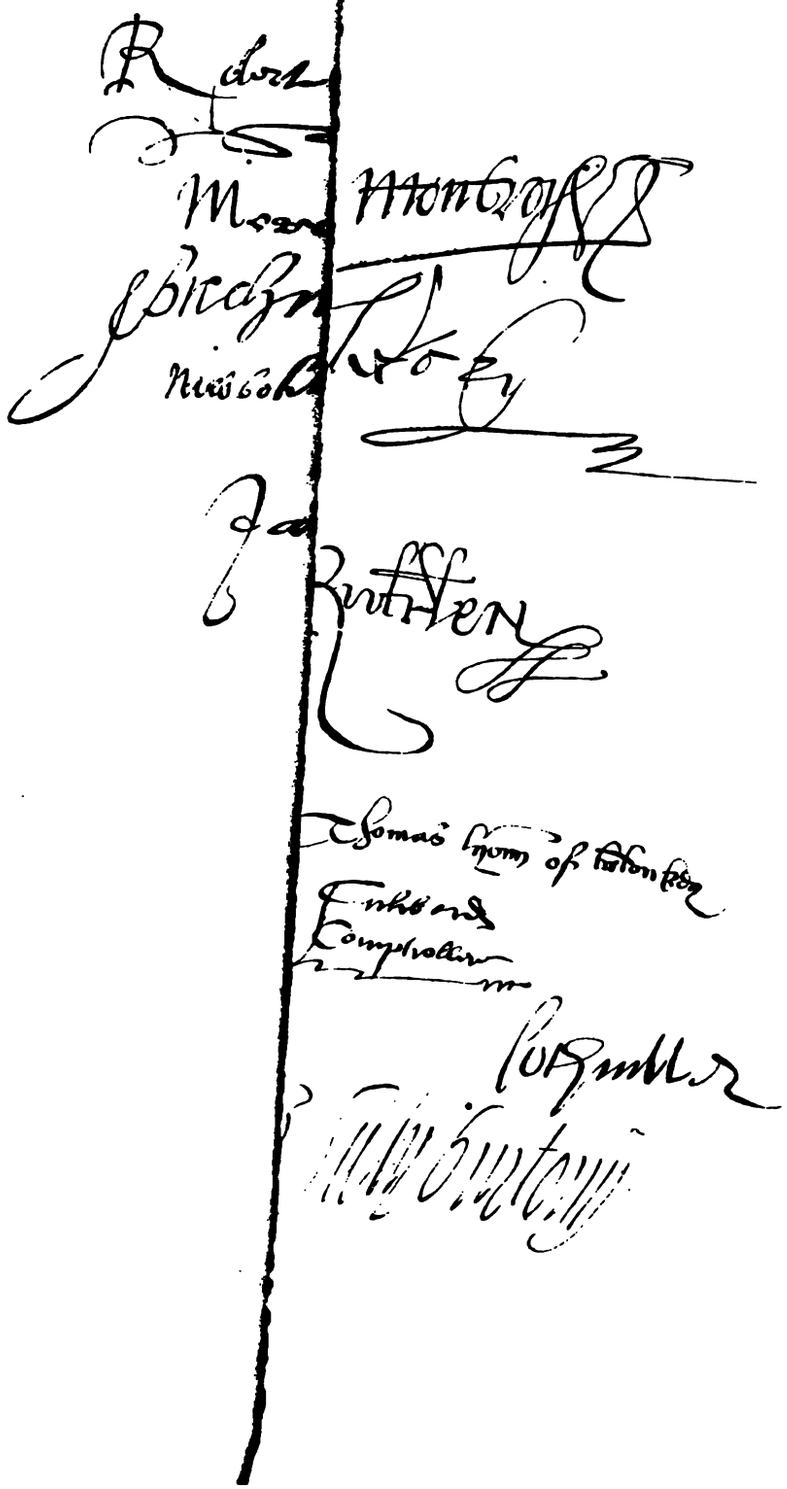


thairto this our preſent obligatioune And conſent and caus the ſame be regiſtrat in the ſaidis bukis of counſall and Parliament reſpectiue To haif the ſtrenth of ane act and decreit thairof With executoriallis to pas thairupoun as is abone ſpecifiit IN WITNES of the quhilk thing We haue ſubſcriuit thir preſentis with our handis At Striueling the laſt day of Marche The ȝeir of God ane thowſand fyve hundrith thre ſcoir auchtene ȝeris ·

ROBERT Byſchope of Cathnes ·
AD · ORCHADEN ·
MORAUIEN ·
BRECHIN ·
NEWBOTIL ·
R · DUNFERMLING ·
J · DUNKELD ·
JAMES STEUART ·
L · HERYS ·
PATRIK meſtir of Gray ·
DRUMQUHASSILL ·
E · ERGYLL ·
ATHOLL ·
MONTROIS ·
GLENCARN ·
EGLYNTON ·
CATHENES ·
RUTHVEN ·
JHON L · MAXWELL ·
THOMAS LYOUN of Baldukey ·
TULIBARDIN Comptrollar ·
LOCHINWER ·
JAMES HALYBURTOUN ·

The Kingis Diſcharge gevin to the Erll of Mortoun vpoun the Reſſait of Edinburgh Caſtell ·

105 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis TO all and ſindrie quhais knawlege thir oure lettres ſall to cum greting ffforſamekle as vpoun the voluntary dimiſſioun of oure richt traiſt couſing James erle of Mortoun Lord of Dalkeith lait regent to ws oure realme and liegis / of the pouer and authoritie of the regiment of oure realme To be vſit and exerceit be oure ſelf in tyme cuming We with auiſe of oure nobilitie and eſtaittis hes exonourit quiteclamit and diſchargeit him of his office and adminiſtratioun of oure realme ſen his acceptatioun thairof And of all ſowmes of money cunȝeit and vncunȝeit All males fermes proffeittis rentis revenues

dewiteis baith of the proper patrimonye and caſualitie of our realme and dominionis and of oure cunze and proffeit thairof The thriddis of benefices and all vtheris guidis geir and thingis quhatſumeuir Alſweill vnnemmit as nemmit pertening or that ony wyis micht haue pertenit to ws ſen his intromiſſioun with the ſaid office of regiment intromettitwith be oure ſaid couſing his miniſteris factouris or ſeruitouris in his name during the ſaid ſpace Exceptit alwayis oure Jowellis and plenniſſingis of oure houſſis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun pertening to ws or oure deareſt moder intromettitwith and recouerit be oure ſaid couſing quhilkis We declarit ſould not be comprehendit in oure ſaid Diſcharge Bot he to ſtand anſwerable to ws for the ſame as he ſould be requirit As in our ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge at mair lenth is contenit And now oure ſaid couſing and regent having at oure command and requiſitioun reallie and with effect deliuerit to ws and oure traiſt couſingis and counſalouris Williame Lord Ruthven oure theſaurar and Patrik Lord Lyndeſay of the Byris oure commiſſioneris in oure Name havand oure pouer to that effect oure Caſtell of Edinburgh with oure Jowellis plenniſſingis of oure houſſis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun pertening to ws or oure deareſt moder contenit in ane Inventar maid betuix oure ſaid couſing and late regent on the ane part and oure ſaidis commiſſioneris ſpecialie conſtitute to this effect on the vther part ſubſcriuit with thair handis and interchangeabillie deliuerit The ane to oure ſaid couſing and lait regent to be kepit be him for his ſecuritie And the vther to oure clerk of regiſtre to be kepit in oure regiſtre to oure behuif THAIRFORE with auiſe of oure ſaid nobilitie and eſtaittis preſent To haue exonerit quiteclamit and diſchargeit And be the tennoure heirof exonouris quiteclames and diſchargeis oure ſaid couſing and lait regent his airis executouris and ſucceſſouris and aſſignais Off oure ſaid Caſtell of Edinburgh all and ſindrie oure Jowellis plenniſſingis of our houſſis and clething artaillierie and mvnitioun alſweill pertening to ws as oure ſaid dearreſt moder intromettitwith and recouerit be oure ſaid couſing contenit in the ſaid Inuentar And grantis and declaris the effect of the ſaid exceptioun

contenit in the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge fulfillit ſatiſfeit and performit be oure ſaid couſing and lait regent of our ſaidis Jowellis plenniſſingis clething artaillierie and mvnition contenit in the ſaid Inuentar And that this oure exoneratioun and diſcharge ſalbe als valiable and ſufficient in all reſpectis as gif the ſaid Inuentar and euerie pece and percell thairin contenit war heirin expreſſie mentionat And furder We with auiſe of oure nobilitie and counſale be the tennoure heirof bindis and obliſſis ws and oure ſucceſſouris To freith releif and keip ſkaithles the ſaid erle of Mortoun his airis executouris and ſucceſſouris Off all and quhatſumeuer contenit in the ſaid exoneratioun and diſcharge of oure ſaid Caſtell Jowellis plenniſſingis clething artaillierie and mvnitioun contenit in the ſaid Inuentar At the handis of quhatſumeuer perſoun or perſonis havand or that ſall pretend richt clame or entereſſe thairto Promitting in the faith and word of ane prince with auiſe of oure ſaid nobilitie and eſtaittis neuer to revoke this oure diſcharge and obligatioun nor to cum in the contrair thairof in ony tyme heirefter Quhilk Diſcharge We promeis alſua not only to caus be dewlie ratifeit and apprevit be oure eſtaittis in oure nixt Parliament to be haldin betuix the dait heirof and the twentie day of Julij nixtocum Bot als ſall caus it be ratifeit and apprevit be our eſtaittis in oure firſt Parliament of new at oure lauchfull and perfite aige IN WITNES quhairof to thir oure lettres ſubſcriuit with oure hand with auiſe of oure ſaid nobilitie and eſtaittis now convenit We ordane oure Chancellar to append oure greit ſeill heirvnto Willing this preſent ſubſcriuit with oure hand to be a ſufficient warrand to him Notwithſtanding the ſame is not paſt oure ſignet and privie ſeill At oure Caſtell of Striueling the laſt day of Marche The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} threſcoir auchtene ȝeiris And of oure Regnne the ellevint ȝeir ·

JAMES R ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

106 Richt traiſt freynd We greit ȝow weill Having vnderſtand the troubl[illegible]t eſtate of our bordouris Tending alſweill to the danger of the publi[illegible] peax with England as to the herſchip and oppreſſioune of divers cuntre[illegible]is latlie weill pleniſſit be our gude ſubie&is And finding the inobedien[illegible]e and inſolence of the thevis and diſorderit perſonis ſic as it behu[illegible]is in this ſeaſone of the ȝeir to be ſuppreſſit be force we haue appoin[illegible]t the power of oure gude ſubie&is inhabiting the Inner partis of o[illegible]r realme to repair towardis our bordouris agane the ferd day [illegible]f November nixt to cum Deſiring ȝow effe&uuſly thairfoir that ȝe ſ[illegible] ſtanciouſlie accumpanyit with ȝour kin freindis ſeruandis and h[illegible]ll force ȝe may mak will addres ȝow to be at Jedburgh vpoun the ſaid f[illegible]rd day of November nixt to cum prouidit for tuentie dayis To attend vp[illegible]n our ſeruice at the dire&tione of our Lieutennent that ſalbe ſend thit[illegible]er according to our proclamationis to be maid to that effe& As ȝe luff [illegible]he quietnes and common weill of this ȝour native cuntrie and will do [illegible]ws acceptable ſeruice Thus We commit ȝow to God AT oure Caſtell of Str[illegible]ui-ling the xv day off O&ober 1578 ·

JAMES R ·

To oure Rycht traiſt freind
the Lard of Lochleven ·

The Earl of Morton to the Laird of Lochlevin ·

107 Couſing eftir our hartlie commendatioun / We have intentit a&iou[illegible] of Removing befoir the Lordis of Seſſioun aganis the Lady Lugtoun and [illegible]he Laird hir ſone to remove fra the manſioun orchegaird ȝairdis and aik[illegible]is of Lugtoun reſervit in the tak quhilk thai haue eftir the redemptio[illegible] And for ſtaying our proces the Laird of Lugtoun hes producit ane a[illegible]

tak ſett be Robert Dowglas of Lochlevin to Sir Patrick Creichtoun of Cranſtounriddell and Katharine Turing his ſpous ther airis and aſſignais of the ſaid manſioun and orchezaird with the pertinentis ffor all the ſpace that the remanent landis of Lugtoun ſuld be unredemit be vertew of the reverſioun grantit therupoun of befoir And for xix yeiris efter the redemptioun alſwa for the quhilk thai ar obliſt in the tak to uphold the ſaid manſioun houſſis and zardis and mak reparatioun theron on ther awin expenſſis / quhilk tak is of the dait the laſt of November 1515 zeris / Heirintill it is adviſit be our men of law that at the geving of the infeftment of the landis of Lugtoun be the Laird of Lochlevin zour fader to Patrick Creichtoun of Lugtoun that laſt deceiſſit quhilk is lang efter the dait of the tak producit all uther wodſettis and conditionis paſt upoun thai landis of befoir hes bene annullit and renuncit ſwa that this thair tak can have na place quhilk wilbe maid manifeſt be inſpectioun of the laſt reverſioun and cancellat evidentis quhilk ze reſſavit at the redemptioun Beſide this gif ze pleis to accept that condition of thair ſaid tak quher thai ar obliſt to uphald and repair the manſe and orchzaird and perſew for the coiſtis ſkaith and dampnage ze have ſuſtenit in the decay therof in ther defalt thair wilbe · · · to pay zow a large ſowme of money therfore quhilk ze [haue] in zour optioun to do / Marie to have this proceſs of · · · ganging fordwart ze ſuld luik owt the reverſioun and · · · evidentes foirſaidis with ſik uther · · · · · in zour handis as · · · will help the mater and ſend thame heir with a ſervand of zour awin to be ſichtit be our procuratouris / quhilk quhen thai have ſervit the turn ſalbe ſent bak agane to zow / And quhen We have gotten our intent concerning the removing the actioun upon the ſkaith of the decay of the houſis ſalbe intentit And ſwa We commit zow to the protectioun of God At Dalkeith the ſaxt of November 1578 ·

Zour aſſured guid freind

MORTOUN ·

To our Couſing the Laird of Lochlevin ·

Jene Lyon / relict of Robert Douglas younger of Lochlevin / afterwards Countess of Angus and Lady Spynie to the Laird of Lochleven ·

108 Right honorabil Sire / It wil pleis ȝou I haif reſaueit ȝour letter quhairby I onderſtand of ȝour weilfair quhilk as God knaus I am maiſt glaid to heir of / It is treu that I am warnit be my uncle to reſaue my ſiluer at Mertiſmes nixtocom bot gif he wil keip that appointit day I can not be certain to aſſur ȝou Sir that ȝe may lipin for the ſame for I haif euer ſen my father deceiſit bein onder warning / and ſeing I knaw ȝour ado preſently I vald viſh I micht forder the ſam / In lyk maner Sir it ſal pleis ȝou to knaw that it is latin me to onderſtand that ȝe ar myndful to taik the mainis of Auchterhous in ȝour awin hand / gif ſua be I wil lipin Sir that ȝe wil mak me aduertiſment and as it ſal pleis ȝou Sir I am content for I knau ȝour mynd is not to hender me of that quhilk is my auin quhilk I am contentit to haif rather nor Auchterhous quhilk is not ſecurrity to me Alwayis I wil luik for ȝour auin anſuer ſua for the preſent haifing na forder bot to lat ȝou knaw ȝour bairn my ſon is in gud helth prayſit be God my humbil commendations being preſentit I taik my leif committing ȝou in the bliſſit keiping of Almighty God quha mot grant ȝou lang lyf and gud helth Be

Ȝour maiſt humill and louing dochter to be commandit

JENE LYON ·

To the right honorabil my louing father
the Lard of Lochlewin ·

George Douglas to the Laird of Lochleven ·

109 Richt honorabill Sir Efter maiſt hartlie commendatioun I haif nocht ben wele at eis quhairthrow I mycht haif trawellit my ſelf / bot hes ſend this berar to ſchaw ȝou that I haif preſentlie ado / and man haif ſiluer ſamekill as ȝe may preſentlie ſpair / owther ane thowſand merkis or aucht

The Earl of Mar to Charles Rutherfurd ·

111 Charles Ruderfuird this is to aduerteiſe ȝow that our couſing the Laird of Lochlevin is departit to the ſouth cuntre in Tewideill ffor ſic biſſines as he hes ado Thairfoir we command ȝow that ȝe warne and chairge our tenentis within the boundis of our barrony of Niſbitt to be in reddines to concur Ryd and travell with him as he ſall mak aduerteiſment to ȝow withoutt all excuſes / evin as gif we wer in the cuntre ourſelf / quhilk ſalbe als acceptable ſeruice as gif our awin perſoun wer thair Sic as ȝe find contrarious or diſobedient in this chairge faile nocht as ȝe will anſuer to ws To mak ws aduerteiſment of thair names · We haue writtin to Johne Ruderfuird in the Know to concur and aſſiſt with ȝow · Sa fair ȝe weill · AT Striuiling Caſtell the xij of Auguſt 1579 ·

MAR ·

To our ſervitoure Chairles Ruderfuird
our officiar in Niſbitt ·

The Earl of Mar to the Laird of Lochleven ·

112 Richt honorable and traiſt couſing efter my hairtie commendatiounes I have appointit upoun the ferd day of Aprile nixt thatt ſum of my ſpeciall freindis ſall convene heir in Striveling to gif me adviſe and conſale in ſum materis I have ado concerning the honour and weill of me and my houſe / quhen ſic occaſionis falles outt I mon In ſpeciall putt ȝou to chairges Thairfore I will requeiſt ȝow effectuoſlie to tak the panis to be heir att me upoun the ſecund or third day that I may communicatt ſic thingis as I have to do wnto ȝow / Nocht doubting bott ȝe will pleſure me in this / as I ſalbe reddie with powar quhen ȝe pleas to chairge me / Sa quhill meting I Remitt all uther thingis

And committis ȝow hairtie to God AT Striviling Caſtell the xxj of Marche 1579 ·

Ȝour aſſured gude freind with powar

MAR ·

To the Rycht honorable and my traiſt
cuſinge the Laird of Lochlewin ·

Patrick Archbiſhop of St. Andrews to the Laird of Lochleven ?

113 Pleis your Mr the Laird of Wemes and I hes ane tryſt at Couper the laſt day of Marche befoir none The occaſioun is upoun ane acclamit conſtabularie of the caſtell of Sanctandros be the gud man of Lathokar quhome the Laird of Wemes fortifeis as his freind The euident and ſeaſing quhairupoun thai have retourit I have taikin to improwe befoir the Lordis of Seſſioun Lyk as the ſamin is nocht abill to byd tryall of law / The gentillmen findis it hard to be burdeanit with the forgeing of evidentis And upoun the uther parte I eſteme it hurt and diſhonour to be abuſit in ane office of ſick conſequens quhilk ther predeceſſouris hes nocht bruikit And quhairof I ſe na autentik ground Alwais freindis hes ſatlitt the matter few dayis from law to ſe quhat may follow be meiting of freindis / And becaus ȝour Mr is ane ſpeciall nobill man of quhois gud will and aſſiſtance I haue heirtofoir maid ane ſpeciall and aſſurit accompt quhen I ſould happin to haue ado in my honeſt and leiſum effeiris I wald deſyre maiſt hartlie ȝour Mr preſence at the ſaid day that I mycht have ȝour Mr counſell and aduiſe thairanent as ȝour Maiſterſchip alwais may have me redy at all tymes to do ȝour Mr quhat honour ſtead or pleſure ſall ly in my power Nocht doubting bot ȝour Mr will accept this my firſt and hamelie charge in gud parte Committis ȝour Mr to the protectioun of the Almychtie God with my hartlie commendationes to my Lady ȝour bedfallow From Sanctandrois the xxiiij day of Marche 1579 ·

Ȝour M / at his power in the Lord

q P · SANCTANDROS ·

The Earl of Mortoun to the Laird of Lochleven ·

114 Efter my heartie commendatioun / This is to lett ȝow vnderſtand I am writtin for be the kingis Majeſtie to be in Striueling the fourt of Aprile nixt / My purpois is to travell with the King and counſale for the triall of the lait brute that hes paſt vpoun the ſurpriſing of the King · I truſt his hienes for his awin weill ſalbe willing heir-vnto / Thairfore I will hertlie deſire ȝow to be in Striueling the ſaid day That I may haue ȝour aduiſe and concurrence ſafar in that mater as concernes me / gif ony ſic thing be allegeit ȝe ſall find me honeſt in thocht word and deid quheneuir that mater cumis to triall / And thairfore will louke for ȝour counſale and concurrens / Sa I commit ȝow to the protectioune of God AT Abirdour the xxvij day of marche 1580 ·

Ȝour aſſured freind

MORTOUN ·

To my traiſt freind and couſing
The lard of Lochleaven ·

King James VI. to the Laird of Lochleven ·

115 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill We haue reſoluit be aduiſe of counſale to begin our progres the xxiij of this inſtant to be that nicht in Tullibardin And to extend the ſame ſa far furth as Dynnotter quhair we haue ſett our merche and farreſt tryiſt for this ȝeir Quhairin becaus our cheif intentioun is to be acquentit with the cuntrie and be ſic Jornayis as we may eaſilie deall with to veſie the ſpeciall townis and places be the way We haue therfoir ſend the preſent to lett ȝou be foirſene that ȝe ar of the nowmer And that ȝe may wele luik God willing for our preſence with ȝow in Lochleavin the vij of Julij nixt ther to continew till dennar

Gift by the King to William Douglas of Lochleven of the waird of all landis quhilk pertenit to umquhile Robert erle of Buchan ·

117 Oure Soverane Lord Ordanes ane Letter to be maid under his privie Seale in dew forme To his lovit Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin his airis and assignais ane or ma Off the gift of the waird of all landis lordschippis baroneis ꝛc ꝛc quhilkis pertenit of befoir to umquhile Robert erle of Buchan Lord Ochterhous ꝛc and now throw his deceis being or salhappin to be in our said Soverane Lordis handis be ressoun of waird with all males fermes profeittis and dewties of the samin during the tyme of the samin waird ꝛc Togidder with the offices of Schirreffschip and Crownarschip of Banff ꝛc And als of the gift of the mariage of James Douglas sone and air of the said umquhile Robert erle of Buchane and failȝeing of him be deceis unmareit the mariage of ony utheris air or airis male or female of the said umquhile erle ꝛc· Subscrywit be our Soverane Lord At Halyruidhous the tuentie day of September the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and lxxx ȝeiris And of his hienes Reignne the fourteint ȝeir 1580 ·

JAMES R ·

The first charge gevin to the erle of Mortoune to entir in waird in his awin chalmer in Halyrudhous ·

Apud Halierudhous vltimo Decembris Anno Domini I^{m} V^{c} *lxxx*^{o} ·

118 Forsamekle as James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith is suspectit and delaitit in presens of the Kingis Majestie and lordis of secreit counsall To haue committit treasoune Quhairfoir his Majestie with awise of the saidis lordis Ordanis ane maser or vther officiar of Armis To pas and in his hienes name and auctoritie Command and charge the said James erll of Mortoune To remain and keip waird in the Abbay of Halierudhous in the hous quhairin he presentlie remanis And on nawis to cum fr[illegible]

the ſamin in tyme cuming Ay and quhill he be fred be his Majeſtie vnder the pain of treaſoune / With certificatioune to him and he failze he ſalbe reput haldin perſewit and demanit as a tratour and the proces and dome of foirfaltour ſalbe ordourlie led aganis him Conforme to the lawis of this realme and actis of parliament ·

Subſcriuit be our ſoueran lord and the Erllis of Ergile and Lennox ·

The Erle of Mortonis charge to enter in Edinburgh Caſtell ꝛc ·

At Halyruidhous the ſecond day of Januar the yeir of God I^{m} V^{c} *lxxx yeiris* ·

119 Forſamekle as James erll of Mortoun lord of Dalkeith / being delaitit and accuſit in preſens of the Kingis Majeſtie and lordis of his ſecrete counſale Off certane poyntes of treſſoun and Leſe Majeſtie wes thairupoun commandit to remane in ward in his ludgeing within his hienes palice of Halyruidhous / And now It is thocht meitt be his Majeſtie and his ſaid ſecrete counſale that the ſaid erll ſall pas and remane in waird within the Caſtell of Edinburgh / And for that caus relevis him of his remaning in ward within his ludgeing in the ſaid palice of Halyruidhous And ordanis ane herauld maſer purſevant or vther officiar of armes To pas and in his Majeſties name and auctoritie command and charge the ſaid James erll of Mortoun To pas and enter his perſoun in ward within the ſaid Caſtell of Edinburgh Thair to remane vpoun his awin expenſis Ay and quhill he be fred and relevit thairfra within the ſpace of ane hour nixt efter he be chargeit thairto vnder the pane of Treſſoune ffor quhais reſſett a Letter and warrand is direct alreddy to the capitane and keparis of the ſaid Caſtell ·

JAMES R ·

E · ERGYLL · LENOX ·

Apud Halyruidhous ſecundo Januarij 1580 ·

Paſt in Counſale ·

Eſmus comes de Lennox
Colinus comes Ergadie cancellarius
Willielmus Dominus Ruthven theſaurarius
Robertus feoditarius de Orknay
Robertus commendatarius de Dunfermling ſecretarius
Jacobus commendatarius de Sanctcolmis Inche
Alexander Hay clericus Regiſtri
Mr Robertus Crychton advocatus

Clericus Regiſtri ·

The Earl of Mar to William Douglas of Lochleven ·

120 Richt honorabill and treſt couſing after my hairtty commendatioun · The preſent is to deſyr ȝow effectuſlie nochtwithſtanding the ſtay of the conventione ȝit to keip the apoyntit day tharof in this toune for ſic cauſis as I haif ado quhilkis ar of gret Importance and can nocht tak guid effect without the preſence of my freindis of quhilk number I eſteme ȝow ane of the ſpeciallis and tharfor I vill luik for na excuſe of ȝow at the forſaid day / ſa I commit ȝow to God From Streviling Caſtell the ſecund of marche 1580 ·

Be ȝour aſſurit freind and couſing

MAR ·

To the Richt honorabill and his traiſt freind
Williame Douglas of Lochlevin ·

Act of Caution for William Douglas of Lochleven ·

Apud Halyrudehous penultimo die menſis Marcij Anno Domini I^{m} V^{c} *lxxxj*^{o} ·

The quhilk day James Coluile of Eifter Wemys and George Douglas of Rungawie Become actit and obleiſt coniunctlie and ſeueralie as cautioners and ſouirties for William Douglas of Lochleaven That the ſaid William ſall pas and enter his perſoun in ward begond the wattir of Cromartie betuix and the aucht day of Apryle nixtocum And that he ſall remane and keip ward benorth the ſaid wattir and on nawyſe cum beſowth the ſamyn thairefter Ay and quhill he be fred be oure ſouerane Lord vnder the pane of ten thowſand pundis And als that he be him ſelf his ſonnes men tennentis and ſerwandis ſall behaue thame ſelffis as dewtefull and obedient ſubiectis to his Majeſtie And on nawyſe do nor attempt ony thing to the hurt or prejudice of his hienes his eſtait and auctoritie in the meyntyme vnder the pane foirſaid And the ſaid William Douglas obleiſt him and his aires To releif his ſaidis ſouirteis of the premiſſis and of all pane and danger that thay ſalhappin to ſuſtene thairthrow *Sic ſubſcribitur* James Coluile of Eifter Wemys / George Douglas / *Extractum de libro actorum ſecreti conſilii S · D · N · Regis per me Joannem Andro deputatum clericum eiuſdem Sub meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus* ·

JOANNES ANDRO ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill Giff we had bene preſent with our Counſale quhen your bill wes red We ſould have inſiſtit to haue had ſumquhat of ȝour deſire aggreit unto Alwyis ſeing it is thocht gude be the Lordis that ȝe firſt enter in ȝour ward conforme to thair formar ordinance quhilk we of our ſelf may not with reſſoun alter ȝe ſall thair-

foir ſatiffie thair defire / And upoun knawlege therof to be returnit W ſall hald hand to haue ȝow ſatiffiit to ȝour reſſonabill contentment Th for the preſent We commit ȝou to God From Halierudhous the laſt d of Marche 1581 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochlevin to tranſport his waird fra the water of Cromartye to the water of Dye ·

123 SOUERANE Lord vnto ȝour Maieſtye and Lordis of ſecreit counſall humlie menis and ſchawis ȝoure grace ſeruitour Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin That quhair it pleſit ȝoure Maieſtie be adviſe of ȝoure hienes ſecreit counſall To ordane me to entir my perſoune in waird be north the watter of Cromartye thair to remane Ay and quhill I wer fred be ȝoure grace be aviſe foirſaid of the ſamyn waird / ffor obeyſance of the quhilk ordinance and charge thairin contenit I with dilligence poſſibill paſt and enterit my perſoune in waird be north the ſaid watter of Cromartye vpoun the ſevint day of Aprile laſt bipaſt within the tyme appointit in ȝoure hienes ordinance with greit difficultye and haſert of my life in watteris be the paſſage throw occaſioune of greit windis and tempeſtis of weddir notourlie knawin And to teſtifye my obedience to your grace and LL / Quhairin I intend be Godis grace to continew to my lyfis end I obtenit teſtimoniall of the famous and gentilmen in the countray of my enterye within the ſaid waird vpoune the ſevint day of aprile / in maner foirſaid As the ſamyn ſubſcriuit be thame heirwith producit at mair lenth proportis And albeit that I for obeyſance of the ſaid ordinance enterit my perſoune in waird benorth the ſaid watter of Cromartye Nocht being delatit for ony cryme bot to obtemper and obey ȝoure

Maiefteis ordinance according to my detfull obedience to ȝoure grace Quhilk watter of Cromartye is far diftant fra my freindis and guidwillaris and I thairbye debarrit fra all freindfchip and guidwill of thame And conftranit to remane in the cuntray vncouth to me deftitute of all my freindis and vnabill to attend vpoun my lefum biffynes to my greit hurt and fkaith Oneles ȝoure grace and LL / provide remeid thairof BESEIKING heirfoir ȝoure Maieftye and LL / To confidder the premiffis aricht And to tranfport my faid waird fra the faid watter of Cromartye to the watter of Dye Quhairthrow that my waird may be benorth the watter of Dye As the famyn is now benorth the faid watter of Cromartye And becaus during the tyme of my faid waird I may nocht attend vpoune the lefum biffynes pertenyng to me and my bairnes Nather be prefent befoir the Lordis of feffioune to infift in perfuite or defens of ony actioune or caus movit be me or my bairnes or aganis ws It will pleis ȝour Maieftye and LL / To command the Lordis of ȝour hienes feffioune that na proces be grantit aganis me or my faidis bairnis during the tyme of my remanyng in waird And to difcharge thame of all proceiding thairin and of thair offices in that pairt According to iuftice And ȝour G / and LL / anfuer maift humlie befeikis &c ·

Apud Dalkeyth tercio Maij Anno &c lxxxj ·

Fiat vt petitur for the firft part of the defyre of this bill alanerlie with provifioune that the fouertie fundin be him of befoir ftanding oblift for his remaning benorth the watter of Die according to the conditionis contenit in the formar act without ony brek ·

JAMES R ·

E · ERGYLL · MONTROISS ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

REX ·

24 Traift freind We greit ȝow weill Forsamekill as We ar informit be oure louittis fervitouris Archibald Broky in Downe and Thomas Broky his

ſone in the Baddis That ȝe upoun the gift of the waird gevin be ws to ȝow of the Erledome of Buchan have cauſit warne thame to Remove frome thair rowmes and poſſeſſionis quhairin thay have remanit kyndlie and native tennentis thir mony and divers ȝeiris bygane Committing na cryme nor offence aganis thair maiſteris in tymes paſt Nather ȝit to ȝow ſen ȝour entrie to the erledome of Buchan Paying alſwa thair dewitie and ſervice according to thair aſſedationis Thairfoir ſeing the ſaid gift wes nocht gevin to the wrak of the ſaidis puir tennentis We will ȝow that ȝe upoun ȝour rycht Set thame thair Rowmes and poſſeſſionis for thair maillis and dewiteis quhairin thay have bein in poſſeſſioun for payment of thair dewitie contenit in thair auld rentall / and quhilk thay payit to umquhile Robert Dowglas laſt Erle of Buchane And that ȝe Remove thame nocht fra thair kyndlie poſſeſſionis and rowmes As ȝe will We did ȝow kyndnes and pleſure In tymes cuming And that this berar report ȝour anſuer in writ to ws quhat ȝe will do heirin Subſcrivit with oure hand At Dalkeith the auchtene day of Maij and of our Regnne the fourtene ȝeir 1581 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind
The Laird of Lochlevin ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

125 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill / Upoun occaſioun of our uther lette
direct to ȝow anent the waird of our louit Abraham Stewart of Monbletour
becum in ȝour courteſie be the Erle of Buchanis waird We underſtan
ther is ſum variance and queſtioun fallin out betwix the ȝoung man an
his mother he mynding thairby to prejuge and diſpoſſeſſe her of he
lyfferent thairof to her utter wrak and herſhip Quherupoun We hav
thocht gude to deſire ȝow be the preſent gif ȝe have ſtill into ȝour han
that quhilk we requyrit ȝow in his favouris of before That in the diſpo-

ſition thairof to the ſaid Abraham ȝe Interpone ȝow to his ſaid intentioun and unkyndlie meanyng to his mother and be ſome gude and effectuell proviſion to let his richt thairof contene a reſervation of her lyfferent / as conſcience and equitie appearis to crave That for her tyme ſcho be not troublit further nor reaſoun can allow as ȝe will do ws pleaſure and gude ſervice Thus we commit ȝow to God At Dalkeith the xxiij day of Julij 1581 ·

JAMES R ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochleven to repair hame ·

126 SOVERANE LORD Vnto ȝour Maieſtie and lordis of ȝour hienes ſecreit counſale humlie menis and ſchawis ȝour G / and LL / ſervitour William Dowglas of Lochlevin That quhair for obeyſance of your G / charge gevin be adviſe of ȝour hienes ſecreit counſale Commanding and chargeing me to pas and entir my perſone in waird be north the watter of Crommartie / I with diligence poſſibill to the great haſart of my lyf paſt and enterit my perſone in waird be north the ſaid watter of Crommartie Quhair I remanit in waird ay and quhill it pleaſit ȝour Maieſtie be adviſe foirſaid To tranſporte my ſaid waird fra be north the ſaid watter of Crommartie To the watter of Die / Be north the quhilk I haif remanit continuallie ſenſyne and tharby debarrit and ſecludit fra all acces to my wyiff bairnis and famelie To my great diſpleſure damnage and ſkaith without ȝour G / and LL / provyde remeid therto / Beſeiking heirfoir ȝour Maieſtie and LL / To confidder the premiſſis aricht and that I may haiff my waird tranſportit fra be north the ſaid watter of Die to the watter of forth Swa that I may remane benorth the ſaid watter of forth quhair I pleis In that ſame eſtait and vnder the

lyk cautioun as I remanit of befor Be north the ſaidis watteris of Crommartie and Die / and that I nor my cautioneris Incur na danger for my removing fra be north the ſaid watter of Die to the foirſaid watter of Forth and ȝour G / and LL / anſuer maiſt humlie beſeikis according to Juſtice ·

Apud Halyruidhous quinto Decembris Anno ꝛc· lxxxj° ·

The Kingis Maieſtie with auiſe of the lordis of ſecreit counſall frethis and relevis Williame Dowglas of Lochlevin within writtin furth of his preſent ward And grantis him licence and libertie to repair hame to his awin Dwelling hous Or vtherwayis in quhatſumeuir part of this realme in tyme cuming at his pleaſur · And ordanis the act maid anent his remaining in the ſaid ward to be deleit furth of the bukis of ſecreit counſall quhairthrow the ſame haue na farder force nor effect in tyme cuming The cautionaris contenit therin being alwayis anſuerabill for ony thing done in tyme bigane aganis the tennour of the ſamyn ·

JAMES R ·

CRAUFURD · MONTROISS ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

127 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill The greit and extreme neceſſitie quhilk our lovit James Stewart ſonne lawfull to umquhile Johnne erle of Buchane ſuſtenis at this tyme in all thingis pertening to ane honeſt mannis eſtate and rank hes movit ws to pitie extraordinarelie his eſtate the mair quhen we conſidder how and in quhat degrie he pertenis to that houſe quhairof ȝe now Injoye the leving be the waird thairof diſponit to ȝow and that very conſcience wald allowe ſome reaſonable portioun and part thairof upon him be the relief of his neceſſitie / For ws / albeit we could wouchſauffe to helpe him with ſome caſualitie gif that his hap war

your advantage and commoditie ſome uther way / Swa Luiking for ſome gude effect heirof We commit ȝow to God From Ruthven this v of Auguſt 1582 ·

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochleavin ·

James R

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

129 Richt traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill Underſtanding the litill effect quhilk our former letter direct to ȝow in favouris of our lovit Henry Mowtray hes tane with ȝow / farre within our expectatioun of ſa raiſonable a ſute We are movit to renewe the ſame unto ȝow be the preſent Requyring ȝow affectuouſlie ſeing the mater is ſa meane and that ȝe have the haill be our favour and benevolence That for our cauſe ȝe will conſent to let ws haue our pleaſour and deſyr obeyit in that behalf / The difference that ſtandis betwix ȝow is of ſa litill value / that we man lippin ȝe will never enter it in balance with our requeiſt / and thairfore as ȝe wald have us the lyke favourable in ȝour nixt ſute ſa let it be deſervit in this / Seing that utherwayſe we can not think ws thankfullie delt with But truſting ȝe wilbe layth to give ws any ſic occaſion We commit ȝow to God from Ruthven this viij of Auguſt 1582 ·

James R

make me quite of this
sillie auld mans cummer.

To our traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochleavin ·

Licence by the King and Privy Council to William Douglas of Lochleven and his ſpouſe &c. to eat fleſche during Lentron ·

130 We be the tennour heiroff with auiſe of the Lordis of our privie counſall grantis and gevis licence To our lovit William Douglas of Lochlevin his ſpous and perſonis in thair cumpanie To eit fleſche ſa oft as thay pleis during this forbiddin tyme of Lentrone viz fra the xvij day of Februar inſtant unto the laſt day of Marche nixtocum without ony cryme ſkaith perrell or danger therthrow to be incurit be thame in thair perſones landes or guidis Notwithſtanding ony our actis ſtatutis letters proclamationes or chargis generall or ſpeciall maid or to be maid in the contrar Anent the quhilkis and panis thairin contenit We diſpens for euir be thir preſentis Gevin under our Signet and ſubſcrivit with our hand AT Halyrudhous the xiij day of Februar and of our Regnne the ſaxtene ȝeir 1582 ·

JAMES R ·

A · CAMBUSKYNNETH · CULROS ·

John Lindſay of Covington to the Laird of Lochleven ·

131 Rycht honorable Sir efter my hartlie commendatioun / It is not vnknawin vnto ȝow of the gret truble and warding of my awin perſoun in the caſtell of Edinburch this certane tyme bygaine / vpone ane fals and vntrew report maid of me to the Kingis Majeſtie and his counſell be Mr Jhone Scharp / allegand that I / or at the leiſt ſuld have cauſit burne certane corne of his · Quhairvpone I have ſuſtenit ward this ſex oulkis bygane / and can have na releif nether ȝit dayis aſſignit to me to try my innocencie / And in reſpect heirof / my Lord of Anguis hes travellit withe the ſaid Mr Jhone Scharp / and hes apoynted the mater betuix me and him / as ȝe may perſave be this obligatioun · The quhilk I will hartlie deſyr ȝow to ſubſcrywe / becaus it is my Lordis mynd and counſell / that ſua ſuld be · As I beleve / his Lordſhip will vrett to ȝow / to the ſame effect ·

It wer over tedious to vrett to ȝow the vncourteous and vnreaſonable dealing hes bene vſit towardis me ſen our laſt departing / quhilk I will continew to our meting quhilk ſalbe quhen pleſis God / quha for the preſent mot have ȝow in his bliſſit keping From Edinburgh caſtell the fyft of Junij 1583 ·

Your aſſurit gude freind at power

JHONE LYNDSAY of Covintoun ·

To the rycht honorable and his ſpeciall gude freind
the Laird of Lochlewin Delyuer this ·

The Earl of Angus to the Laird of Lochleven ·

132 Couſing eftir my verie hertly commendatiounes Eftir langſum travell in this mater betuix the Laird of Coventoun and Mr Johnne Scharp It is agreit upon that the Laird of Coventoun ſall ſubſcryve ane obligatioun for Mr Johns ſuretie And becaus it will nocht ſerwe with his ſubſcriptioun only except I and certane uther freyndis as cautioneres for him ſubſcryve it also It is thocht gud that amang uthers ȝe ſuld be ane And thairfore I hawe ſend ȝow the obligatioun to be adviſit with Praying ȝow to ſubſcryve the ſam and ſend it bak agane with diligence / for it will furder the gentlemannis tryell wery mekle And his abyding in the caſtell hes bene bayth trubleſum and coiſtly to him / this tyme bygane I hoip ȝe ſall nocht be mekle trublit heirefter with this mater For the gentleman is willing to tak up all materis with Mr Johnne be the aduyſe of freyndis Sua for the preſent I commit ȝow to God AT Edinburgh the ſext of Junij 1583 ·

Ȝour aſſurit guid freind

ANGUS ·

Ȝe may the better ſubſcriue the band for I and the Laird of Covingtoun ſalbe ȝour releife ·

To our traiſt freynd and couſing
the Laird of Lochlewin ·

George Douglas to his brother the Laird of Lochleven.

133 Rycht honorabill Sir and broder eftir my hartle commendation off ſeruice being reddy to ſchip towartis the portis off France I thowcht off my devty I could do no leſs ſence be my preſence I mycht nocht weſe ȝow be thir few lynis to lat ȝow wnderſtand the broderly affection I bair vnto ȝow and lykevys to ȝowr hows quhowbeit that at this preſent I may do litill in reſpect as materis ſtandis ȝitt ſhall I omitt ne guid officeis quhair evir the occation may offer and my powar may extend at my lewe taking off his Ma/ my only ſuit off benifet wes that ȝe nor ȝour hows ſuild reſave ne wrang be the information off ȝour enimis firſt in reſpect off ȝour ſeruice don wnto his Ma/ and continualy ſence hes ramenth conſtant and obedient as be ȝowr ward ȝe haue giuen ane guid prwffe his anſuer was that ne perſuaſion ſuld moye him in the contrar and for aſſurance gave me his Ma/ hand in preſence off Michell Elphiſtoun quhom preſently he commandit that in all ȝowr adois he ſuld mak him forſein ſua broder We man len on to his Ma/ promis ȝe haue hard be the laird off Cleiſche quhow ȝe ar relevit off the denger ȝe micht haue incowrrit be ȝowr obligations maid to me Lord off Morton for that was havand him be my Lord off Bowchan I haue reſavit the thowſand merkis that wes lyen in Hew Todis handis and now in my abſence betwix this and mertymes I wald ȝe towik ſic order that the othir thre thowſandis merkis mycht be paied becauſe I haue meid vairning for the redemption off five thowſand off Rowingally thir iij thowſandis being payett ȝe ſhall haue diſchairge off all may be ſocht be ȝowr obligations ſaiff that that reſtis in the hows off Howntlys handis and alls ȝe will ſe ſik order tane off that that may apperten me to meld wyth be office off towtry as ȝe think maiſt propir for all thir affectis I haue left ampll procowration to my ſerwand Jon Dowglas to mell intermet and giue diſchairges as neſeſarly ſhalbe requyrit provyding alvayis that ne thing be done by advyce and conſent off my bed falow As for nevis I can vreit nen the laird of Cleiſche will lat

ȝow mair amply vnderſtand my mining in all materis at ȝowr mittingis I ſhall do guid well to haiſt me hem wyth ſick diligence as my affairis may permitt My lord off Lenox hes promiſt fair to be ne enemy euer to owr hows tym will try Sua broder levan preſently forder to trowbill ȝow committis ȝow in Godis protexion From Sanctandrus the xxviij off Junij

Ȝowr broder at powar to do ȝow ſeruice

GEORGE DOUGLAS ·

To the rycht honorabill and his broder
the Laird off Lochleving ·

Proclamatioun that nane move or provoke trouble unquietnes or ſeditioun amangis his Majeſteis ſubjectis ·

At Perth the penult day of Julij the yeir of God I^{m} V^{c} *lxxxiij yeiris* ·

134 The Kingis Majeſtie vnderſtanding of the practizes and buſſie trauellis of ſome of his vnnaturall and diſorderit ſubiectis quhilkis be miſconſtruing and miſreporting be word and wrait of his hienes awne gude mynd and proceidingis / ſtudyis continuallie to interteny factionis and vnquietnes within this realme / The rather to ſtay the ordinar cours of Juſtice and to eſchew the pvniſchment of thair awin evill deſeruingis to obuiat and reſiſt the effectis of quhilkis wickit ſpeiches and trauellis And to reſolue and ſatiſſie all his loving and gude ſubiectis ſo that peradventure / ſtandis ȝit doubtfull of the trewthe of his hienes meaning and doingis His Majeſtie be aduiſe of the lordis of his previe counſale / hes thocht expedient to notifie and publiſhe to the warld Specially to all his awin loving and gude ſubiectis / the trewth of his verie mynd and lyking twetching hie eſtate this ȝeir bygane / and of his preſent conditioun Declairing heirby that ſaſone as he fand him ſelf cum to the ſevintene ȝeir of his age / and remembrit the troblit eſtate of his realme throw the frequent troubles and alterationis occurrit in his ȝoung aige in tyme bypaſt (alwayis to his ſkaithe and preiudice) Bot ſpecialie be that quhilk fell out

the last ȝear / ſa far to his offence and to the miſlyking of his mynd Albeit for publict quietnes ſaik / he moderatlie bure with that fait and all that ſuccedit theron / he had it alwayes in thocht ſa ſone as God ſould offer proper tyme and occaſioun to tak vnto himſelf his awin place and ſtate to ſhaw him a king indifferent to all his nobilite and gude ſubiectis And not to be led or caried away be ony ſpeciall ſurnames and rates or be particuler men in ony degrie to the preiudice of that commoun acces quhilk all gude ſubiectis acht to haue to their ſouerane Lord and King And thairfoir of his awin propir motiue vpoun the xxvj of Junij laſt tuik purpois to pas from Falkland to the Citie of Sanctandrois quher repoſing in ſuirtie to the conveining of a gude nowmer of the principallis of his nobilitie / notifiit vnto thame at their cumming / the effect of his proceidingis and intentioun / permitting and licencing vtheris not writtin for to pas hame quhill his Majeſtie be adviſe of ſic choſin perſonis of counſale as he electit to tary with him ſould deliberat further in all thingis neidfull Concerning the ſuirtie of his perſoun and conſeruatioun of the publict quietnes of the cuntrey quherintill his hienes hes occupiit him ſelf cheiflie ſenſyne / Intending with Goddis grace to governe his realme and ſubiectis heirefter in peax and iuſtice / and in the profeſſioun of Goddis trew religioun publictlie preitchit and be law eſtabliſhit in the ſame vnſeiking the hurt or rwyne of quhatſumeuir his ſubjectis In reſpect of ony ther lait bygane offence / that ſall tymouſlie acknawledge the ſame with penitent hartis and crave his Majeſteis forgivenes therfore / quhilk he is willing to grant wnto thame / And be thir preſentis promiſſis ſa to do / They nawayis prouoking him be ony ther new vnlawfull and vnquyet doingis to remember on ther former tranſgreſſionis And vncalling to mynd ony factionis that hes bene in his hienes minoritie / quhilkis his Majeſtie hes and will haue buriit in obliuioun / As he willis the lyk to be amangis his haill ſubiectis euerie ane to vther without ony querrell or queſtioun for ony thing that hes happinit or fallin out amangis thame in tyme bygane / without caſting vp or querrelling vtheris for this or that factioun / As his Majeſtie hes gevin gude pruif of his clemency and fauour to ſome alreddy

And that letters be direct for publicatioun heirof at the mercat croces of the heid burrowes of this realme and vtheris placis neidfull / That nane pretend ignorance of the ſame Commanding and chargeing all and findrie his hienes lieges / To contene thame ſelffis in quietnes vnder Goddis feir and his Majeſties lawfull obedience / And that nane of thame tak vpoun hand to move or prouoke trouble vnquietnes or ſeditioun amangis his ſubiectis / be word or deid or to ſhawe thame the authoris and inſtrumentis of alterationis and novelteis / Tending to the diſturbing of his eſtate As they will anſuer vpoun their alleageance at their hicheſt charge and perrell / And vnder pane of incurring his hienes indignatioun and diſpleaſure gif they ſall attempt ony thing in the contrare ·

Order to the Keepers of the Caſtle of Inverneſs to receive John Leſlie of Buchquhane and others in waird ·

REX ·

135 Capitane conſtabill and keiparis off our caſtell of Innerneſs We grete
zow weill IT is oure will and We command zow that incontinent eftir the
ſicht heirof ze reſaue Johnne Leſlie off Buchquhane Androw Monro o
Newmoir and William Dowglas of Lochlewin in ward within our ſai
caſtell / And appoint ſax perſonis to ilk ane off thame ffor their keipari
Thairin to remane all vpoun their expenffis during oure will and quhil
thei be fred be ws with auiſe of oure counſalle As ze will anſuer to ws keip
and thir preſentis for zour warrand / Subſcriuitt with oure hand AT Fal
land the xxvij day of Auguſt and of oure regnne the ſewintene zeir 158

Chriſtian Douglas to her mother the Lady Lochleven ·

136 It will pleis zour L / to wit that I have ſpokin with my Lord anent the
purpois zour L / knawis And he hes affurit me that thair is nathing mer

be him bot to performe the offeris that wes maid to the hous of Traquhair I desyrit his L / to put the same in wrett utherwyse I culd nocht desyr na honest gentle man to trawell in that purpois except I wer swir of his L / mynd / His answer wes to me that it wes nocht neidfull to him to put thame in wreit He desyrit me to schaw ȝour L / that the Kingis grace being in Sanct Johnestoun last with the aduyse of Mr William Oliphant the Lard of Balthyok and the gud man of Melginche that his offeris wes present to Sir Robert Melwyn and he schew the same offeris to Williame Stewart of Traquhair quha thocht thame resonable And wald on na wyse refuse the same Bot at that present he wald gif na answer Saying that he wald aduyse with uther freindis / My Lord assuris me that ather Sir Robert Melwyn or thane Mr Williame Oliphant hes the same offeris quhilk he is myndit to performe gif the hous of Traquhair will accept the same He sayis that ther is nathing that Mr William Oliphant will desyre him to do in that purpois bot he will stand content thairwith My Lord allegis ane promeis of Sir Robert Melwyn quhilk I am sure he will keip quhilk promeis I sall schaw ȝour L / at meitting or than with the nixt that cumis betwene Having na forther occasioun at this tyme Committis ȝour L / to God From Duplin the fourt of November 1583 Be

ȝour dochter at command

CRISTANE DOUGLAS ·

To the Rycht honorable and hir weilbelovit Mother

The Lady Lochlevin ·

Gift of the escheit of William Douglas of Lochleven to the Lady Lochleven ·

'7 BE It Kend till all men be thir present letters We Patrik be the mercie of God Archbischope of Sanctandros and Lord of the Regalitie thairof To have gevin grantit and disponit to our lowit Agnes Leslie Lady of Lochlewine hir airis and assignais ane or ma The escheit of all and

haill the guidis and geir tackis actis rowmis poſſeſſiounis Jowellis gold and ſilver cunzeit and oncunzeit cornes ꝛc of the landis of Bannettill and Baggedie lyand within the ſcherefdom of Fyff ꝛc Quhilkis pertenit befoir to William Douglas of Lochlewine and now pertening to ws and becumit in our handis be raiſſoun of eſcheit throw being of the ſaid William ordourlie denuncit our Soverane Lordis Rebell and putt to his hienes horne upon the day of the zeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir thrie zeires for diſſobeing our ſowerane Lordis charge gevin vnto him and nocht entering himſelf in waird in the caſtell of Inverneſs ꝛc ꝛc In witnes of the quhilk to thir preſentis ſubſcrywit with our hand our ſeill is affixit AT the day of the zeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir three zeiris before thir witneſſes Mr Jhon Arthour advocat Walter Cokburn and James Arthour our ſervitouris with utheris divers ·

PATRIK biſchop of Sanctandros ·

Obligation by William Douglas of Lochleven to Thomas Ogilvy ·

138 I William Douglas of Lochlevin be this preſent Obliſs me my airis executouris and aſſignais to pay and redeliuer to Thomas Ogiluy brother to the Laird of Innerquharitie and burges of Dundy the ſoume of ſevin hundreth fyftie pundis ſcottis mony betuix the dait heirof and Midſomer nixt quhilk ſowm I reſſauit fra the ſaid Thomas in french mony in the Rochelle To wit nyne hundreth frankis / and the ſaid Thomas to reſſave for ilk croun / fyfty ſchillingis ſcottis mony quhilk will extend to the ſowme abone writtin In witnes quherof I hawe ſubſcrivit this preſent obligatioun with my hand AT the Rochelle the 23 day of Maij the zeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir fyve zeiris Befoir thir witneſſis James Blyth burges of Dundy and Henrie Douglas my ſeruand ·

VILLIAME DOUGLAS of Lochleuin ·

The Laird of Lochleven to his Lady ·

139 Beſt belowit efter maiſt hairtlie commendatioun This preſent ſall adverties ȝou that at the wretting heirof I am in guid health prayſit be God And deſyris the lyk of yow And all my bairnis freindis and ſeruandis that ar on lyve As towart the eſtait of this cuntrey The King of France hes renuncit in the Parliament of Paris all appoyntments and pacificatioun maid at ony tyme in favouris of the Religioun reformit in this cuntrey And hes commandit be his edict that all Miniſters avoyd thame ſelffis out of this cuntrey within ane moneth wndir the paine of death / And the nobill and gentill men within ſex monethis to the effect thay may ſell thair landis and guidis / and thairefter pas out of the cuntrey God knawis gif that ſalbe kepit to thame gif thay will depend thairon for this laſt waire maid againſt thame of the Legie / be the King of France Is thocht als great ane falſet as the Maſſacre of Paris Inreſpect that how ſone bayth thair armeis wer liftit thai agreit all in ane contrair to the Kingis edict diuerſe tymes ſet furth be oppin proclamatioun in the contrair that he menit na thing bot to keip the peace / Swa he / and thay of the Papis Legie thinkis to exterminat the word of God out of this cuntrey and all partis of Europe gif God permit thame / quhilk I traiſt in his guidnes he will nocht bot will diſappoynt all thair interpryſis / althocht to the warld thay mak thame nevir ſwa apperand In reſpect the great treſſoun Is aganis his kirk / quhilk he will preſerve as the Appill of his Ee / and confound all his ennemeis This with my hartlie commendatioun to all my bairnis freindis and ſervandis Committis you and thame to the protectioun of the Almychtye AT the Rochelle the nynt day of Auguſt 1585 ·

I wret to ȝow the anſuer of Gilbert Lambis letter with him ſelff and lykwayis the anſuer of Andersonis letter and the anſuer of the Manis of Kingorne / bot I reſſavit na uther lettre fra nane of Leith / I

reſſavit your laſt letter out of ane ſchip of Pittinveme As to the anſuer therof I wreit with Gilbert Lamb concerning my brother ſonis effairis And as toward that that concernis myſelff or my hous I refer the ſame till I heare off the deliverance of my guid dochter And thairefter ſall do the beſt / with Goddis grace / I dout nocht bot ȝe haue agreit with ſum man to furneis me / I wreitt to ȝow with James Wrquhart ſervant to the Priour of Pluſgardene / that Incaice he come heir befoir Thomas Ogilvy to ſend with him gif It wer bot ane hundreth crownis for I am neir ane end of the ſilver that I had alreddy / ther cum ane man off Dunde to this toun that declarit my gud dochter ſuld be lichter of ane lad bot be reſſoun I reſavit na wretting fra ȝou nor fra na uther theroff I am In doubt giff the ſam be off veratie Giff the ſamin be lat us thank God off that benefeit amangis the reſt always his name be bleſit The peſt is weray grait in this toun preſentlie God ſend better quhen he pleſis ·

ȝours only

To his beſt belouit
the Lady Lochlevin ·

The King to the Lady of Lochleven ·

140 Traiſt freind We greit ȝow weill / having neceſſarlie ado with palȝi to oure awne propir vſe at oure oiſt and armey ſhortelie to p willing to the weſt marche of our realme for repreſſing of the rebellioun and diſordour that ſalang hes continewit thair to

ſone Henrie Douglas in Mukert mylne Johnne Douglas in Kenneſtoun Gavane Douglas in Bowbedy Laurence Dempſtertoun in Kinrois Mr Peter Quhyte in Portmok Thomas Craufurde in Claſchlokie Gabriell Merſer in Cleiſhe George Kinloich ther Johne Schaw in Lathangy and quha ar all wexit with the ſeiknefs of the gute gravell and uther infirmiteis / Swa that thai ar not hable to trawell nor cume to our oiſt and armie appointit to convene the penult of October inſtant or on the thrid of November nixt to cume Thairfore and for diuerſe cauſis and conſiderationnis moving ws to haif licencet and be the tennour of thir preſentis with aviſe of the Lordis of our Secreit Counſale licences and gevis frie liberte to all the ſaidis perſonis to abide and remaine at hame fra our ſaidis oiſt and armie notwithſtanding quhatſumevir proclamationis actis or ordinances maid or to be maid or direct in the contrare Anent the quhilkis and all penalteis that may follow therupoun We be thir preſentis diſpenſis with thame theranent for ever Attour We be the tennour of thir preſentis diſchargeis our Theſaurer Advocat Leutennentis Crowneris Juſtice Generall and his deputtis and all utheris our officiaris and Miniſteris of our lawis Of all calling accuſing atteiching arreiſting wnlawing or poinding of the ſaidis perſonis or ony of thame for the ſamyn and of ther offices in that part for euer Subſcriuit with our hand and gevin under our ſignet AT Striuiling the xxix day of October 1585 and of our Regnne the nyntene ȝeir ·

JAMES R ·

THYRLSTANE Mr OF GRAY ·

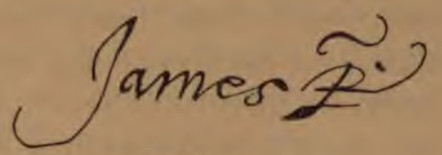
Licence by the King to Lady Lochleven to eat fleſche in Lentroun ·

REX ·

142 WE be the tennour heirof gevis and grantis licence to Agnes Dowglas Ladie Lochlevin and perſonis with hir in cumpany To eit fleſche during this forbiddin tyme of Lentroun And vpoun woddinſdayis frydayis and ſetterdayis during hir lyfetyme ffor the quhilkis ſcho ſall incure na danger nor pane Notwithſtanding quhatſumevir our proclamationis maid

or to be maid in the contrar Anentis the quhilkis We dispens be thir presentis Subscriuit with our hand AT Halyruidhous the xv of februar 1585 ·

THYRLSTANE ·



The Laird of Lochleven to John Lawrie burgess of Edinburgh ·

143 Traist freynd eftir maist hartlie commendation this presend is to desyre zow that ze wilbe sa gud as to len Mr James off Carmichell the sum of tuyntie foure pundis sterlin and In caice ze be nocht content of the suirtie that he may mack zow I wilbe cautioun and dettour for him to zow for the forsaid sum ze resawand his obligatioun and wrett apoun the resait of the samin quhilk doand ze will do me ane plesour this committis to God At Londoun the fourt day of Aprile 1586 ·

Zour frynd at his pouar

LOCHLEUIN ·

To his trest freind
John Lawrie burgess of Edinburgh ·

John Boswall of Balmuto to the Laird of Lochleven ·

144 Rycht honorabill Sir and eme / efter maist hertlie recommendatioun It may pleis zow to witt that I ressaivit zour letter upoun Monunday at evin and hes considderit the samyn My freindis and I findis that the subscriving of the blank as it is formit and namelie the conclusioun thairof makis ane equalitie baithe of rycht and possessioun betuix the Lard of Wester Wemeis and me to the Loche / the quhilk nather my freindis nor I ar myndit to aggre unto sa lang as I leive / and that in respect that the Lard of Wemeis rycht and possessioun that he pretendis is na thing lyk unto myne / the quhilk at lenthe salbe knawin be Goddis grace nocht to his

contentment / nor ȝit to thairis that will fortefye him into that wrangous actioun / I declarit in the end of my laſt letter the fartheſt that I culd do anent the ſubſcriving of ane blank / bot for this gif I wer myndit to ſubſcrive it for ony freind that I haive I ſuld do it for ȝou · Deſyring ȝow Sir maiſt effectuouſlie nocht to think of me bot that I will and ſall do mair for ȝow nor the Lard of Weſter Wemeis will or dar do to witt I will and dar refer my lyfe and landis and all the reſt that I haive to ȝow quhen occaſioun ſall ſerve and ſall haſard the ſamyn in defence of ȝow and ȝour houſe quherof ȝe ſall haive experience quhen it ſall pleis ȝow to command as knawis the Almychtie God quha mot preſerve ȝow Sir for now and ever AT Balmwtow the penult of Auguſt 1586 ·

Ȝour aſſurit and obedient eme at command

JHONE BOSSUALL of Balmouto ·

To the Rycht honorabill and his maiſt
ſpeciale the Laird of Lochlevin ·

The Maſter of Glammis to the Laird of Lochleven ·

145 Rycht honorabill Sir eftir my maiſt hartlie commendationes I haif reſſavit ȝour letter and as towart the certantie of ȝour ſiluer quhilk ȝe deſyrit to knaw / as I ſpak to ȝow in Edinburgh I haid the ſame ther to deliver to ȝow and in reſpect of the Refuſall I cauſit deliver the ſame to Knokdolien / And now I am upoun the firſt of the nixt moneth the lyke ſowme to reſſave quhairoff I haif cautioneris in Edinburgh quhilk I luik for and ſall caus deliver the ſame to ȝow as I haif ſchawin the berar quhome with I haif mair amply conferrit therin And ſwa Remitting the reſt therto I commit ȝow to God this xxj of October 1586 Be

Ȝour aſſurit freind to his wtter pouar

THO · Mr Glammys ·

To the Rycht honorabill and my weray guid
freind the Laird of Lochlevin ꝛc ·

Licence to James Commendator of Melros to pas to France and Flanders ·

REX ·

147 WE be the tennour heirof with auiſe of the Lordis of oure ſecrete counſall Geve and grant oure licence to oure louitt James commendatar of oure abbay of Melros To depairt and pas furth of our Realme to the pairtis of France Flandaris and vthiris bezond ſey / thair to remane for doing of his leſum effearis for the ſpace of zeiris nixttocum eftir the date heirof / For the quhilk We will and grant he ſall nawayes be callit nor accuſeit / Nor incur na ſkaith nor dangear thairthrow in his perſone landis guidis nor geir Nochtwithſtanding quhatſumeuir oure actis ſtatutis ordinanceis proclamationis or conſtitutionis maid or to be maid in the contrare Quhairanent and all panes contenit thairintill We diſpens be thir preſentis Diſchargeing heirfoir oure Juſtice Juſtice clark Aduocattis and all vthiris oure Jugeis officiaris and miniſteris of our lawis preſent and tocum and thair deputis Off all calling accuſeing troubling or onywayes proceding aganis the ſaid Commendatar / Or intrometing with him his benefice landis guidis or geir for the premiſſis and of thair offices in that part be thir preſentis · Prouyding alwayes that the ſaid James commendatar of Melros during his abſence furth of oure realme / behave him ſelff as ane deutifull and obedient ſubiect to ws / and do nor attempt na thing tending to the hurte or preiudice of ws oure eſtate or croun Or to the religioun preſentlie profeſſit within oure realme / Vthirwayes this oure licence to be null and of nane availl ſtrenth force nor effect · Gevin vndir oure ſignet and ſubſcryuit with oure hand AT the day of And of oure regnne the twentie zeir 1586 ·

THO · *Theſaurarius* THYRLSTANE ·

Acquittance to William Douglas of Lochleven of the few maills of Melros ·

148 WE James Commendatar of Melros grantis ws be the tennour heiroff to haue reſſaued fra the handis of the rycht honorable Villiam Douglas of Lochleuin our father full and compleitt payment of all maner of maillis and wther dewities auchtand be him to ws be wertew of ony landis and dewities addettit be him to the Abbacie of Melros And be the tennour heirof We hauld ws weill contentit ſatiſfeit and payit of the ſamin and of all ȝeiris and termis maillis and dewiteis ſen our entres to the ſaid Abbacie to this preſent day and daitt And thairfoir quitclamis and diſchargis the ſaid Villiam Douglas of Lochleuin his airis executouris and aſſignayis of the ſamyn for ws and our ſucceſſouris and all utheris quhome it effeiris In Witnes of the quhilk thing We have ſubſcrivit this preſent acquittance with our hand AT Edinburgh the xxj day of Julij The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxxvij ȝeiris Befoir thir witneſſis Mr William Henderſon commiſſar of Melros Johne Douglas in Kenneſtoun and Villiam Douglas called Kyllis Villiam with utheris diuers ·

JAMES Commendatar of Melros ·

Extract of clauſe and article in the Ratificatioun of the Pacificatioun reſtitutioun and abolitioun grantit to our Soverane Lordis liegis at divers Parliamentis befoir ·

149 In the Act of the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie nyne day of Julij the ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} fourſcoir ſevin ȝeiris Intitulat Ratificatioun of the Pacificatioun reſtitutioun and abolitioun grantit to oure Souerane Lordis liegis at divers Parliamentis befoir / this claus and article is contenit OURE SOVERANE LORD of his naturall diſpoſitioun being at all tymes maiſt cairfull to vnit the haill hairtis of his ſubiectis That his nobilitie eſtaitis and commoun people at all tymes micht be the mair bent

in his ſeruice for the avancement of the realme Hes in guid effe& declairit his intentioun nawyſe to enriche his crown with the damnage of his ſubie&is Nor that ony of thame aganis vtheris for ony variance fallin out in his hienes minoritie and les age ſuld haue ony maner of ſtryff heirefter Quhairfoir his hienes and his thre eſtaittis in his parliament haldin at Linlythgw in the great hall of the palice thairof the tent day of december The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} lxxxv ȝeiris for great and wechtie conſiderationis tending to the generall peax and quietnes within this realme Retreitit reſcindit and reducit quhatſumeuer proceſſis and domes of foirfaltour ſentences criminall and penall led and gevin aganis quhatſumevir perſonis for the allegit offenſſis contenit in the ſaidis proceſſis and ſentences and for quhatſumeuer vtheris cauſſis and allegit crymes done or that micht be allegit to have bene committit ſen his Maieſties coronatioun Or that ar contenit in the ſaidis ſentences of foirfaltour led ſen his Maieſties coronatioun at quhat tyme ſoeuer the ſaidis crymes ar allegit to be committit befoir with all that followit or may follow thairvpoun / Be the quhilk reſtitutioun the ſaidis perſonis forfaltit denuncit rebellis and put to the horne or that wer ony vtherwys trublit ſa monie of thame that wer depairtit this lyff wer be our ſaid Souerane and his ſaidis thre eſtaitis fullelie reponit and reſtoirit in Integrum to thair landis heretages rowmes poſſeſſionis penſionis offices and to thair honour dignitie and fame Siclyk and in the ſamyn manner as gif the ſaidis ſentences had neuer bene gevin / And forder our ſaid Souerane Lord with aviſe of his ſaidis thre eſtaittis of parliament be ane generall abolitione diſchargeit all a&ionis criminall and penall quhilk micht be competent to his hienes ſelff for his awin proper entres as als that mycht reſult betuix his ſubie&is of quhatſumeuir qualitie vpoun ony commoun caus of miſcontentment of the eſtait offerit in his hienes minoritie and les aige as in the ſaidis generall a&is of reſtitutioun pacificatioun and abolitioun at mair lenth is contenit Quhilkis a&is and conſtitutionis of parliament and euerie ane of thame Oure ſaid Souerane Lord and his thrie eſtaittis of this preſent parliament have of new adviſedlie ſene and conſiderit in euery point

day of the arryving of oure Souerane Lordis vmquhile derreſt moder within this realme quhilk wes vpoun the nyntene day of Auguſt The ȝeir of God I^{m} V^{c} thrieſcoir ane ȝeiris to the day of his hienes coronatioun and declairis the ſame to be of nane availl force nor effect with all that followit or may follow thairvpoun except the ſpeceale proceſſis and ſentences of foirfaltour efter ſpecifiit quhilk ſall remane and abide in thair awin force Notwithſtanding the premiſſis Thay ar to ſay James ſumtyme erle Bothuill James Ormeſtoun ſumtyme of that ilk and all vtheris ȝit onlyve quha hes bene foirfaltit for airt and pairt of the murthour of his hienes vmquhile derreſt fader *Extractum de libris actorum Parliamenti per me Alexandrum Hay de Eiſter Kennatt clericum rotulorum regiſtri ac concilii S · D · N · Regis ſub meis ſigno et ſubſcriptione manualibus* ·

ALEXANDER HAY ·

The King to the Laird of Lochleven ·

150 Traiſt freind We greit ȝou weill The trouble and wickednes of the thevis and brokin men inhabiting oure bordouris conſtranis ws ſtill retene certane plegeis and utheris maiſt diſordourit in the Incuntrey amangis the noblemen barronis and utheris of beſt habilitie Seing our awne houſſis ar not able to keip ſic a multitude as neceſſarlie for this gude occaſioun mon be detenit Quhairfoir We Require and commands ȝow That ȝe reſſaue in ȝour cuſtodie and keping Arche Ellott of the Hill quhome preſentlie We direct unto ȝow / and retene him in ȝour cuſtodie and keping unlatting him pas hame upoun band obligatioun or ony maner of conditioun quhill he be fred and relevit Alwayes ȝe neid not to keip him ſtrait becaus ſouirtie is fundin that he ſall not eſchape Thus We committ ȝow to God Frome Halierudhous the xxv day of October 1587 ·

To our traiſt freind the
Lard of Lochlevin ·

James R.

Warrant to retain Archie Ellot of the Hill in clois firmance ·

151 Richt traiſt freind We greit ȝow hairtlie weill / Being moved to tak in plegeis for the gude reule of the diſordourit peple inhabiting the bordouris we directit thame to remane and be kepit with certane noble men and baronis in the incuntrey and amangis the reſt Archie Ellot of the Hill to ȝow And now finding ſum new attemptatis of miſreule and inobedience we haue thocht meit be this our Letter effectuuſlie to require and command ȝow That ȝe retene and kepe the ſaid plege in clois firmance quhill ȝe reſſaue oure command in the contrair Or incais he be depairtit fra ȝow vpoun quhatſumeuir pretens or occaſioun That ȝe certifie ws be write of the very trewth in that behalff / be quhat warrand and quhat ſuretie ȝe haue for his reentrie As ȝe will anſuer to ws and do ws thankfull and gude pleſure Thus we committ ȝow to God AT Haliruidhous the fourt day of februare 1587 ·

To oure richt traiſt freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

Warrant to put Archie Ellott of the Hill to fredome and to keip Clemet Ellot his brothers ſon in his place ·

152 Traiſt freind we greit ȝow weill / ȝe ſall putt Archie Ellott of the Hill to libertie and fredome / and reſſaue in his place Clemett Elott his brutheris ſone / quhome ȝe ſall keip and detene in ſure firmance / Suffering him nawayes to pas hame vpoun band obligacioun or otherwayes quhill he be

fred and relevit be ws theranent thir prefentis fall ferve vnto gow for a warrand Thus we committ gow to God Frome Haliruidhous the day of februare 1587 ·

To our traift freind the
Laird of Lochlevin ·

James R

Obligation by Dame Jean Lyoun Countefs of Angus ·

153 We Dame Jeanne Lyoun Countefſe of Angus grantis ws to have deteynit in our handes the lettres underwrittin viz. ane nyntein geir tak of the teinds of Eliftoun of the dait the 19 of October a thoufand fyve hundrethe threefcoir feventein geiris Ane nyntein geir tak of the teinds of Aberdour of the dait a thoufand fyve hundrethe threfcoir and fyftein geirs the penult of Marche / The reverfioun givin be Sir Robert Melvill of the lands of Graingemuir and Woodfeild The reverfioun of Langtoun givin be James and Mungo Mure in Langtoun And be thir prefents teftifies the faid lettres not be comprehended in the difchairge of the Evidents and lettres of the Erledome of Morton and Dalkeith giuin to ws be the Erle of Mortoun / For the quhilk lettres only above fpecifiit We fall be anfwerable as law will to ony pretending title to the fame / In witnes quherof We have fubfcryvit this prefent with our hand AT Edinbrughe the tuentie day of Merche a thoufand fyve hundrethe fourfcoir and aucht geirs Befor thir witnes George Douglas of Pairkheid Mr Nicol Dagleifche Minifter Mr Dauid Houme our ferviteur with uther dyvers ·

JENE COUNTES OF ANGUS .

GEO · DUGLASS Witnes · Mr DAUID HOUME Witnes ·

Difcharge to William Earl of Mortoun as air of tailzie to umquhile Archibald erll of Angus ·

REX ·

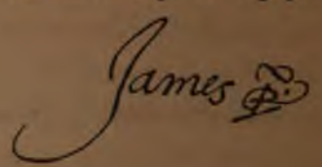
154 WE JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis Remembering the trew and thankfull fervice done to ws be oure richt treft cwfing umquhill Archibald erll of Angus quha laft deceiffit As alfo be oure richt treft cwfing Williame now erle of Mortoun Be the tennour heirof Renunces and fimpliciter Difcharges All and quhatfumevir actioun competent to ws as air to umquhill Dame Margaret Dowglas Countes of Lennox oure guiddame umquhill James Maifter of Angus hir broder umquhill Archibald erll of Angus oure grandfire Or ony utheris our predeceffouris aganis the faid Williame now erll of Mortoun as heir of tailzie to the faid umquhill Archibald erll of Angus quha laft deceiffit for his Intromiffioun with the males fermes canes cuftomes cafualliteis grefowmes and utheris dewteis and proffeittis quhatfumevir Of all and fyndrie the erldome of Angus Lordfchippis of Dowglas Abernethie and utheris landis and baroneis quhatfumevir Quhairunto We as air to ony of oure predeceffouris hes or may pretend richt or enteres And that for all zeiris and termes bygane fen the deceis of umquhill James maifter of Angus or umquhill Archibald erll of Angus oure grandfire ꝛc· Subfcrivit with oure hand and gevin under our fignet AT the day of The zeir of God I^m V^c foureſcoir aucht zeiris ·

James R.

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

155 Rycht traift coufing and counfallour We greit zow hartlie weill Mynding to haue heir a frequent and folempne conventioun of our nobilitie baronis and vtheris our eftatis vpoun the xxiiij day of Aprile inftant

alſweill for reſolutioun to be tane be thair adviſe anent the mater of our marriage as for the quieting of this eſtate and diuerting of the appearand dangeris threatnit thairto baith be externall and domeſtique practiſes / It is thairfore our will and we deſire ȝow richt affectueuſlie / that all excuſis ſet apart / ȝe faile not to addres ȝow to be with ws the ſaid day and place / preparit to aſſiſt ws with ȝour beſt counſale and adviſe anent the premiſſis / as ȝe will teſtefie vnto ws ȝour dewtifull affectioun towardis ws and this haill ſtate and do ws therin rycht acceptable ſeruice Thus We commit ȝow to God / from Halyruidhous the firſt day of Apryle 1589 ·



To our richt traiſt couſing and counſallour
The erle of Mortoun ·

Proclamatioun to charge his Majeſteis liegis within the ſcherifdome of Fyffe to aſſiſt in apprehending the Earl of Huntly ·

156 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis to our louittis meſſingeris and ſcheriffis in that parte conjunctlie and ſeueralie ſpecialie conſtitute greting Forſamekle as it is vndirſtand to ws and lordis of oure ſecreit counſall That George erll of Huntley and utheris his compliceis quhilkis laitlie conuocat thame ſelffis togidder in armes for troubling of oure perſone and eſtate ar now returnit bak to oure burgh of Perth / mynding thair to remane quhill thay may haue bettir occaſioun to proſequute thair formair wicked intentioun to the bringing on of mony inconuenientis gif tymous and ſubſtantious remeid be not prouidit / Quhairfoir We haue gevin and grantit and be thir oure letters with aduiſe of the ſaidis lordis of oure ſecrete counſall gevis and grantis oure full pouer and commiſſioun expres bidding and charge to oure richt traiſt couſing and counſellour Williame erll of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith and Andro erle off Rothes lord

Leſlie conjunctlie and ſeverallie To conuocat oure liegis inhabitantis within the boundis of oure ſcherefdome of Fyffe alſweill to burgh as to land regalitie as ryaltie betuix ſaxtie and ſaxtene ȝeiris / and utheris ſenſible perſonis in weirlykemaner And to pas inclois and inviroun oure ſaid burgh on all partis and all vtheris thingis to do and vſe that for apprehenſioun of the ſaid erll and utheris his compliceis is requiſite to be done / With pouer alſwa to this effect to aſſege houſſis raiſe fyre and vſe all kynd of force and weirlyk ingyne that can be had for wynning thairof and executioun of this preſent commiſſioun in all pointis Decerning be thir preſentis that quhatſumeuir ſlauchter mutilatioun or vthir inconvenient ſalhappin to be committit be oure ſaid commiſſionar or the perſonis aſſiſting him to the executioun of the premiſſis ſall not be imputt as cryme or offence to thame / nor thay ſall not be callit nor accuſed thairfoir criminalie nor ciuilie nor incur na dangeir for the ſamin in thair perſonis landis or guidis Exonering thame be thir preſentis of all pane and dangeir that thai may incur thairthrow for euir OURE WILL IS heirfoir and we charge ȝow ſtraitlie and commandis That incontinent thir oure lettres ſene ȝe pas and in oure name and auctoritie Command and charge all and ſindrie our liegis betuix ſaxtie and ſaxtene ȝeiris and vtheris ſenſible perſonis duelland within the boundis of oure ſaid ſchirefdome Be oppin proclamatioun at the mercatt croceis of the ſame and vtheris placeis neidfull That thay and ilkane of thame weill bodin in feir of weir repair to oure ſaid commiſſionar with all poſſible diligence eftir the publicatioun heirof pas fordwart / aſſiſt concur and fortifie him in the executioun of this preſent commiſſioun in all pointis vſing his directioun without attempting ony thing in the contrarie vnder the pane of tinſall of lyffe landis and guidis The quhilk to do We commit to ȝow conjunctlie and ſeueralie our full pouer be thir our lettres delivering thame be ȝow deulie execute and Indorſate agane to the beirare Gevin vndir our ſignet and Subſcryuit with our hand AT Edinburgh the viij day of Aprile And of oure regnne the xxij ȝeir 1589 .

JAMES R .

Mr Andrew de Mazieres [Minifter at Thoire in Xaintonge] to the Earl of Morton ·

157 Monfieur Jay receu le 7 de ce moys les lettres qu'il vous pleuft m'efcrire de Domdy par la lecture defquelles j'euz nouvelle occafion de remercier Dieu tant de la profperite de voftre eftat en particulier qu'il efleue de bien en mieux l'honorant de fes benefices que pour la grace qu'il continue a l'endroit de voftre Roy lequel il affectionne de plus en plus a fon feruiffe l'accourageant a repurger fon royaume des abominables idolatries et des impofteurs et feductеurs qui par faux donner a entendre ayant perdu ung nombre infiny dames ont attiré a leur pouuoyr les plus beaux domaines de la terre et a prefent voyantz leur feduction defcouverte par la clarte de la parolle de dieu fefforcent de l'efteindre pour pouuoyr retenir leur prinfe aux defpens du falut et repos de tout le monde · Mais ilz feront en fin defconfitz et ruinez · Loue foit donc Dieu Monfieur qui vous a fauory d'ung don fi exquis que de vous douer dung tel prince Je le prie de fere la grace aux princes et feigneurs de ce royaume de recongnoiftre ung tel bien comme il appartient et leur donner courage d'affifter a leur Roy a la pourfuyte d'ung tel oeuure leur donnant ung peuple et fubjects dociles et volontaires · Au refte puys mes dernieres lettres que je donnaj a Monfieur de Domda la ville de Chartres f'eft remife a la fubjection de noftre Roy . Le Duc de d'Efpernon a prefens Montereau faut yonne pres Paris et arrefté quarente grandz bateaus quj defcendoyent au long de la riuière pour la uitailler · On eftime que ceux de dedans feront contraintz eux rendre par faute de viures Monfieur de la Noue fous le duc de Longuevile a deffaict douze enfeignes de Lanfequenetz quj eftoyent venuz pour la ligue Le Pape en fon Confiftoyre aduerty de lunion du Roy avec le Roy de Nauarre ont efleu deux Cardinaux pour la rompre et maintenir le Roy au propos dont il a faict declaration comme vous auez peu veoyr en l'impreffion que je vous en ay Enuoyée Je croy qu'ilz font bien marriz des heureux fuccez qu'il a pleu a

Dieu donner au Roy a ces commencementz et de s'estre tant defcouvertz contre luy car partout ou le clerge a heu pouuoyr Ilz ont faict rebeller le peuple contre le Roy comme encore ilz f'eftudient a ce feur Ce qu'ils ont obtenu a Poytiers ou il y a ung moyne nommé Protafius qui eft Capitaine et menne les hommes a la guerre · Ceux de Bourdeux voyant que les Indaites continueyent obftinement a mesdire du Roy a inciter le peuple contre icellui voyre Dieu par leur deprecacions les ont chaffez et defparty aux Mendiens leur revenu et par ce moyen ont contenu le peuple en l'obeiffance du Roy / Le Roy de Navarre a envoyé pardeffa Monfieur de Phay garde de fes fceaus aux fins dauoir de largent pour fouftenir les grands frais qu'il luy conuient feur Mais les hommes font fi froids a donner que je n'eftime pas qu'il puiffe avoir ce qu'il pretent veu mefme qu'il eft charge dune commiffion fort odieufe fcavoir de remetre les officiers du Roy papiftes en leur eftats et en defpofer ceux que le Roy de Navarre avoyt miz en leur place Et de mettre la meffe par toutes les villes de la religion Ce que eft fort odieufe aux gens de bien et trouve fort eftrange eftre advenu au Roy de Navarre / veu qu'au moys de decembre dernier paffé en l'affemblee des deputez des Eglifes de France en ce lieu renouvellant l'union cy devant faicte a Montauban avec icelles Il jura et protefta de la maintenir religieufement et n'accorder ny feur rien concernant les Eglifes que par laduiz et confentement dicelles · Nous ne pouvons efperer une heureufe iffue diceux qui fondent le baftiment de leur grandeur fur des pierres d'impiete de perjure et injuftice comme font ceux qui authorifent les moynes preftres et officiers papiftes / J'ay efcrit au Roy d'Ecoffe fur la declaration du Roy mais fi j'euffe fceu cela je ne le lui euffe teu pour le defir que jay que le Roy de Navarre maintienne Dieu de fon cofté fans la faveur peculière duquel il ne peut attendre qu'une ruine Je fcai bien qu'on targera ce faict indigne de quelque beau pretexte mais il ny a raifon humaine qui puiffe feur valoir devant Dieu l'ufage de ce qu'il reprouve · Il prononce malediction contre ceux qui mettent le mal pour le bien et les tenebres pour lumiere et qui fcauent feur le bien et ne le font pas / la gloyre de Dieu doyt eftre plus chere et pretieufe aux fidelles

George Douglas of Parkhead to the Earl of Morton ·

160 Maye It pleis ȝour Lo / Seing his Majeſtie hes concludit for dyvers gret reſpects to remaine this winter in theis partis / And being forcit to live upon the King of Denmarks charges is deſyrous to be ſa quyet as can be · Ȝour Lo / ſon Archibald hes tain occaſioun thareupon to purches licience with favorable letters of recommendatioun of his hienes To travell athort the wardle for a ȝeir or twa And he hes dealt with me in ſic earniſt manere to beir him cumpanie / that after I had uſeit all manere of motives that I could devyſe to diſſuade him fra the ſame (as the haill freinds wha are heir can beir recorde) ȝit finding it a thing impoſſible to cauſe him change opinion I have in lenth rather choſein to be partaker of his fortune then to ſuffer him to undertake ſa venterous ane voyage altogither unaccompanied / Swa as on the ane ſyde I wald wiſh ȝour Lo / to have my pairte excuſed Sa may ȝour Lo / on the other ſyde be ſa far aſſured of my diligent attendance and loving caire over him / that I ſall omitte nathing (by the grace of God) that in me lyeth quhilk may ether tend to his proffit / honour or weillfare / And thus leaving the farther declaration of theis matters to his awne reporte I commit ȝour gud Lo / to the bleſſed protection of God nocht forgetting my moſt humble commendatiounis of ſeruice to ȝour Lo / and my Lady ȝour bedfellowe From Vpſlo in Noroweay this laſt of November 1589 ·

Ȝour Lo / meſt humble and affectioned to do ȝow ſervice

GEO · DUGLASS ·

To the Right honorable my verie gud Lord
my Lord the Erle of Mortoun ·

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

161 Rycht traiſt couſing and counſellour We greit ȝow hartlie weill The Commiſſioneris and gentlemen of Denmark / being now departit / We

thocht convenient to proceid with all expeditioun poſſible / to the conſideratioun of the Inconvenientis ſtanding in our eſtait and effairis / and how the ſamyne may be remeidit / for our awin weill and honour / and to confort and eaſe of our gude ſubiectis / quherunto finding ȝour gude advyſe neceſſar we deſyre ȝow effectiouſlie that ȝe will not faill to be heir at Halyruidhous vpon the tent day of Junij nixt to the effect forſaid / quhair ȝour tarie ſalbe ſchort / And ſa reſting to ȝour cuming As ȝe wiſche the gude ſucceſs of this werk and will do ws acceptable pleaſur / committis ȝow in the protectioun of God AT Halyruidhous the xxix day of Maij 1590 ·

To our Richt traiſt Couſing and counſellour
the erll of Mortoun ·

Order for Proclamation of the Marriage of the Earl of Errol and Lady Elizabeth Douglas and Certificate thereof ·

162 Miniſteris Forſamekill as We parteis onderſubſcryuairis are aggreit that the bandis of our mariage be proclamit at placis requiſit / to that effect / and in takin as of bayth our conſentis therto We hawe ſubſcryvit this preſent With our handis At the Newhous the ſecund of Juin 1590 ·

ERROL ·

MORTOUN · ELIZABETH DOUGLAS ·

To al and findrie quhome it efferis ſpeciallie the brithring of the miniſterie pace and grace from God the father and from his ſone the Lord Jeſus ꝛc· Forſamekil as it wil pleas ȝow undirſtand / the bannis of mariage betuixt the rycht nobil and honorabill parteis To wit Franceis earle of Errol Lord Hay ꝛc· and Eliȝabeth Douglas dauchtir to ane nobil Lord my Lord Earl Mortoun ar thre ſeveral ſondayis proclamed lauchfullie At the kirk of Slanis / na impediment being objected in the

contrarie quherthrow ȝe or ony of ȝow may proceid to the celebratioun off the band of mariage Teſtifeit and ſubſcryueit as is undirwretin At Slanis the 21 day of Junij 1590 ·

ALEXANDER BRUCE Miniſter at Slanis ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton?

163 My Lord efter my heartlyeſt commendaciouns I am informit that ȝit my ennemies ceſſis nocht to ſpeik of me / and to renew thingis I haid ſatiſfeit alradie And albeid I can nocht empeſche nor ſtayie invyfull menis ſpeking ȝit vill I nocht negleꝫ to acquent freyndis with my innocencie and honeſt meining bayth to King and Kirk · As concerning his Majeſties obedience quhatſumevir I hawe owrſene therin / and reſſauit pardon therof / was vpon na lang precogitat purpos bot ſuddanlie redackit therto for eſchewing of ſume rigurus forme dewyſit aganis me be ſic as but caus become my onfreyndis / And qwhayſoeuir vald ſaye that than I menit ony ſubuerſion of religion thay ar ather my ennemies direꝫlie or knawis nocht veill the proces of that turne / ſeing that all that tyme I offerit my ſelff to the tryall bayth off his Majeſtie with his conſeill / and of the Kirk / onlye reſuſit but tryall to be evill vſit · Off this my Lord I think to wreitt the les that I hoip ȝour L / rememberis of all / only deſyris gif ony occaſion beis ȝour L / pleis hald hand that fals reportis find nocht place aganis me in my abſens / ſeing nather haid I in the lait trubill ony intention aganis religion nor aganis his Majeſties obedience bot forcit / nayther ȝit hawe I ony intention fra this furth in ony ſort to diſturbe the quyetnes of the cuntrie / All forther I remitt to the nixt occaſion ſwa preſentlie committis ȝour L / in Gods almychtie proteꝫtion / At Aberdene the xiij of Junij 1590 ·

Ȝour L / rycht aſſurit freynd at power

ERROL ·

Mr John Knox Minifter at Melros to the Earl of Morton ·

164 My Lord efter commendatioun of fervice / Pleis zour Lordfhip / wit the laird of Ceffuird zounger hes bene at conference with Mr Johne Cawden and me anent the ftate of zour tenents of Langnewtoun And does mekle marvell that zour Lordfhip hes not a farther regaird to thame / At lenth he cam to this poynt that he requyred ws to commone with zour Lordfhip in this mater and in his name to fay that it wer moft meitt gif zour Lordfhip mycht be perfwadit therto / to fee gif ze mycht content Andro Ker for his kyndnes of Langnewtoun teynd ffor faid he thocht Andro Ker hes not demerited weill at my hand as alfo that I do not allow of fick inordinat faffions as he vfes / zit he is a Ker and he is come of our hous and I wald be layth to fee him wrack / quhat anfuer I maid heirto Mr Jhone Cowden will tell zour Lordfhip / Zour Lordfhip knawes that Teviotdaill kyndnes will not be forgett without fome contentment for it / And it wer not worft to haue fome regaird to zour pure ones quho will ever get the fowr of this labour / As alfo I will defyre zour Lordfhip to acquyte zour felf of the brute that goes in the cuntrey of zow for this zour lingering / Zea thair ar fome that fayes zour Lordfhip walbe content to haue all the tenentis of Langnewtoun wrackit that ze mycht tak it in manis to zour felf Quhairin thocht I be not perfwadit zit I think it zour Lordfhips honour to prove thir fpeakers liers And fo commending zour Lordfhip and zour effaris to the protectioun of God commendis zow hartlie to him · From Melrois this xxiij of Julij 1590 · Be zour Lordfhip at fervice ·

M Jhone Knox Minifter at Melrois ·

To the richt honorabill Lord
My Lord Erle of Mortoun ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ·

165 My Lord and father / efter my maiſt hertlie commendatioune this is to aduertiſe ȝour Lordſhip that I reſauit ane letter ȝiſtrein fra the Mr Lewingſtoune / anent the purpoſe quhilk I ſpak to your Lordſhip of the bying off his land lyk as ȝour Lordſhip may perſaue be the maiſteris awin lettere ſend to me quhilk ȝe pleaſe heirwith reſaue deſyring that ȝow will reſolue thairanent ſaſoone as ȝe can / becaus ȝoue will knaw thairby baith quhat he may haife for it and quhat quantetie the land is off / and the terme of payment quhairwith gif ȝour Lordſhip cannot deall at the preſent I will deſyr that ȝe will grant him that fawor as to admitt thame tennentis that will deall with him for it quhill will adwantag him and naways endomag ȝour Lordſhip / likways I will remitt farthar heirin to ȝour Lordſhips reſolutiones and anſuer quhilk I luik for ſaſoone as ȝe may conuenientlie ſend it and ſa committis ȝour Lordſhip to God At Logyalmond this ſonday lait ·

Ȝour maiſt lowing ſone at all pouar to Command

ERROL ·

To my maiſt ſpeciall gud Lord and father
My Lord Earll of Mortoune ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ·

166 My Lord and father / efter my maiſt hertlie commendatioune I reſauit ȝour Lordſhips letter of the xxix of October vpon ſonday the firſt of this inſtant quhairby I vnderſtand that ȝour Lordſhip is willing till excamb ȝour landis in Stirlingſhyre with the Mr Lewingſtouns landis in Tweddell quhairof I ſall aduertiſſe the Mr / and as I reſaue anſuer of the Mr ȝour Lordſhip ſall knaw with diligence his mynd / always it is meit in my opinione that ȝour Lordſhip conſidder the waliditie bayth of ȝour awin

wilbe heir the morne at nycht I neid nocht to ſend to him for my L / Huntly hes deſyrit that he may meit with him in his paſſing towart Edinburgh and to this effect that they may meit on fryday nixt in Montroes quhilk my L / Erroll intendis to do / This I onderſtand be my L / Erroll himſelff and ſo for the preſent nocht hawing ony forther occaſion I commit ȝour L / to God From Glammis the ferd of Nouember 1590 Be

Ȝour L / ſon alwayes to command

THO · Mr GLAMMISS ·

Francis Earl of Errol to the Earl of Morton ·

168 My Lord and father / efter my werrie hertlie commendatiouns being myndfull till haif ſpokin with the Erll of Huntlie heir in ſic turnis of my awin as I wreit of to ȝour Lordſhip affoir / be reaſoune of quhais ſtay / finding my ſelff this far agaitwart I haif tane occaſioune to ryd north to be at ane point with him aither fordwart or backwart and myndis be Goddis grace / to returne with all diligence poſſibill and immediatlie / thairefter ſall ſie ȝour Lordſhip / ſa that the turne betuix ȝow and the Mr Lewingſtoune mon ather be dealt furth be ſum vther men that can lyk ȝou beyth / or ellis mon continew quhill I returne / quhilk in my opinioune is nocht neceſſary / always that I remitt to ȝour Lordſhips awin reſolutiounes / Sa for the preſent to new occaſioune / I committ ȝour Lordſhip to God At Brechin / the ſewint day of Nouember 1590 ·

Ȝour ll / maiſt lowing ſone at all pouer to Command

ERROL ·

To my maiſt ſpeciall gude Lord and father
My Lord erll of Mortoune ·

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Mortoun ·

171 My Lord efter my hartlie commendatioun I haue refauit ane letter from his Majeftie defyring me to haue bein in Edinburgh the xj of this inftant To haue fen Juftice vfit aganis fic perfones as hes ettellit mifchewous pratekceis aganis his Majefties awin eftait and perfoune as alfo aganis myne and zouris ll / wmquhill laft prediceffoure that died of guid memorie Heirfoir I maift eirneftlie mon Requeft zour ll / to wreit to the reft of our frendis that zour ll / may keipe the faid day to further his Majeftie / in the miniftratione of Juftice / Seing his Majefties intentione tendis bayth to the weillfair of the contrey and fpeciallie to the veillfair and ftanding of our houfe / Treulie thare fold haue na wardlie tourne ftayit me frome the keiping of the faid day bot it hes plefit God to vifit me with ane extreme fyfher that I may [nather] Reid nor gange as is notablie knauen wnto the contrey Thus luking zour ll / will not faill to keip the faid day Becaus of my prefent difeafe and the fortherance of the miniftration of Juftice Specialie be ws quhich tendis maift to our honour Seing God hes moueit his Majeftie to fie Juftice adminiftrat quhais intentione being fa guid We can not refuifs for our awen partis Thairfoir zour ll / mane tak burden wpon zour ll / at this tyme for me / becaus of my prefent difeafs Remiting the reft to zour ll / wifdome and confideratioune of our dewties / Committis zour ll / to the protectione of the Almychtie From Glenbervy the viij of this inftant [April] 1591 ·

Zour ll / affurit coufing at his power ·

ANGUS ·

I pray zour ll / to Remember my commendatioune to zour bedfallowe ·

Als I Requeft zour ll / to affift this caus fua that we refaue nor deferwe na fclandder of God nor the warld &c ·

To my weray fpeciall guid Lord and coufinge

My Lord of Mortoun ·

Ludovick Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Morton ·

172 My Lord efter my hairtlie commendatione ſene I haif ever found ȝour Lo / to be ane maiſt ſpeciale and favorable freind towardis me In all my adois mane now burdene ȝour Lo / that my preſent mariage with Maiſtres Lilias Ruthvene be ȝour Lo / ſoliſtatione at his Majeſties hand may be Interprett according to my honeſt mening without preſuming ony diſobediance to his Majeſtie quhilk never ſall enter in my mynd for ony warldlie reſpect bot ſall ay continew as maiſt ſpeciallie obleiſt thairto his Majeſties humbill ſubject and ſervand And as to the performance of mariages I dowt not bot his Majeſtie as lykwys all trew chriſtians acknawledgis thame concludit be God In the hevines and cannot be eſchewed as I am ſuir myne hes bene frome the beginning haifing my hairt movit with ſick extreme affectione did willinglie be my aithe and faithfull promis bind my ſelf thairto that nathair with ſaif conſcience nor honour culd I eſchew the ſame Sua hoiping ȝour Lo / guid word and credit towardis his Majeſtie wilbe Imployit ſua far as ȝour Lo / may in this my godlie and honeſt caus will committ ȝour Lo / to God Frome Dunkell the xiij of Apryll 1591 ·

ȝour Lo / louinge aſſurit freind

To my verie guid and ſpeciall Lord LENOX ·
My Lord erle of Mortoun ·

Ludovick Duke of Lennox to the Earl of Morton ·

173 My Lord I man earneſtly requeſte ȝour Lo / as in my laſt letter that in caſe the King hes conceuit ony mynd aganis my laſt proceiding heir it will pleis ȝou to concur with my other freindis att courte for pacifeing of his Majeſtie / I man confes that altho my fact be not odious in the ſelff / yet I haue offendit in contrauening his Majeſteis

intentioun and confequently I fubmit me to his gracious will hoiping with Gods grace never to difpleis him againe / to follow his commands in all pointis according to my bund dewtie / Your Lo / gude offices beftowit on me heiranent fall not be lofit yf I fall ever haue the powar to requyte the fame And fo ending wyth my very hartlie commendation I leave ȝour Lo / in the protection of God / From Dunkell xix of Aprile 1591 ·

ȝour L / maift louing freind

LENOX ·

To my Lord
My Lord Erle of Mortoun ·

Laird of Drumlanrig to the Earl of Morton ·

174 It will pleis ȝour Lordfhip that the laird of Cloifburne / beand fchireff deput of Drumfres in the abfens of my Lord Sanquhar / he come vnder filence and cloud of nicht in the moneth of Merche laft / to ȝour Lordfhips landis and regalitie of Mortoun / and brak ane fallowis houfe at the braidfyde tuke him felff and his geir but ony ordour / brocht him furth of ȝour Lordfhips regalitie / without ony tryall of his giltinefs or innocens / Intromettit with his efcheit / and than put him to ane affyis / quhilk wes ane greit noveltie That the fchireff and his deputtis fuld intromet with ony man or his geir within ȝour Lordfhips regalitie / ffor nather the Lord Sanquhar his predeceffouris fchireffis of the fhire nor na vther neuir did the like nor neuir wald haif prefumeit to haif done the famin / quhairof I being aduerteift I directit ane feruand in ȝour Lordfhips naim and myne and defyreit the faid fallow to be continewit quhill cognitioun wer tane / quhither his tryall appertenit to ȝour Lordfhip and baillies of ȝour Lordfhips regalitie or to the fchireff quhilk wes altogethir refufit / quhairfoir I paft my felf and vpon ȝour Lordfhips privilege of ȝour Lordfhips regalitie /

as ȝour Lordſhips baillie ſtandand vndiſchargeit be ȝour Lordſhip / I tuke this fallow of his hand without ony trublance or impediment / and the nixt day thereftir I convenit the gentill men of the cuntrie / and in ȝour Lordſhips naim with ȝour Lordſhips officer I fenſit ane courte of ȝour Lordſhips baronie of Mortoun and als I cauſit ȝour Lordſhips ſaid officer ſummond all the baronie / to that effect And this fallow being convict I cauſit Juſtifie him / And albeit I haif na titill of ȝour Lordſhips baillierie ȝit In reſpect I remain in poſſeſſioun of the ſaid baillierie vndiſchargeit be ȝour Lordſhip I thocht I had rather haiff done this and anſuer to ȝour Lordſhip nor till haif ſufferrit the laird of Cloiſburn or ony vther I micht ſtop vſurpe ane auctorite within ȝour Lordſhips regalitie ſa fer preiudiciall to ȝour Lordſhips privilege and honour and myne awin baith / I and my predeceſſouris having in abſens of ȝour Lordſhip and predeceſſouris ſtill mantenit the libertie of the ſaid regalitie / quhairvpoun the laird of Cloiſburne raſit lettres To charge me to preſent the ſaid fallow and to compeir perſonalie befoir his Majeſtie quhilk wes continewit to the ſaxt of May inſtant / quhilk day I wes of mynd to haiff kepit / And in reſpect of ſik neidfull effairis as I haif ado I may nocht keip the ſamin / Quhairfoir I will requeiſt ȝour Lordſhip In cais ȝour Lo/ be preſent vpon counſall To ſe my abſens excuſit quhill ane vther day that I ſall be preſent ffor I dout nocht bot ȝour Lordſhip will be ȝour Lordſhips libertie ſe this mater excuſit Seing that for the keping of ȝour Lordſhips privilege I did it / Sa referring to ȝour Lordſhips anſuer and quhat ȝour Lordſhip pleiſſis to command me I will obey Eftir my hartlie commendationis I commit ȝour Lordſhip to the protectioun of the Almichtie Off Drumlangrig the ferd of Maij 1591 ·

ȝour Lordſhip to be commandit at his power

DRUMLANGRIG ·

It will pleis ȝour Lordſhip to credite the berar quha can gif neid be declair ȝour Lordſhip the haill cais ·

To his verie gude Lord

·My Lord erle of Mortoun ·

Agnes Countes of Morton to the Earl of Morton ·

175 It vul pleis ȝour L / that I hawe bein this mununday in Dundej and hes bocht ane tvne of vyne ſewin ſcoir ſextein pundis the tvne and hes gevin my obligatioun to pay it the xv day of Auguſt / I haiwe cauſit convein the tennentis of Auchterhous / and hes cauſit the gwidman of Kenneiſtoune deill vith thame to ſei quhat pryce thai vill giwe for ther fermes / thai vill offer bot four markis for meill and beir for na prigging that Jhone Douglas and I can mak and mony of thame I can get na thing fra tham / ſik as Finlaſoun / Dauid Kinner in the Bonitoune / Petre in the Bowhous and vther diuers / gif ȝe be content vith this pryce adverteis me vith dilligence vith this berair and I ſall caus tham provyid the ſiluer / Forder ȝour L / vill ſend to Jhone Hutſone to caus him bring owt of the barony of Kynroſs four kairtis vith ſufficient horſes and men to draw the vyne / thai ſuld cum to the pow of Lendoris and that thai faill nocht to be at the appointit plaice and Jhone Hutſone vith tham this tvyſday at twa efter none / As for newis ȝour L / ſall vit this morning in the dawing thar is ane fiftei heiland menn of Athoill all fwt menn cam to ane feild in the manis of Fowllis and twik away ane pwind of nowt thaj var ane lang ſpaice away or vord cam to the plaice / howſone vord cam to the plaice thair Iſchewit furth my Lord Grayis twa brethar vith ſum of my Lord Humis ſerwandis / the nummer of the haill that paſſit fwrth var bot threttein perſonis / or thai overtwik tham the pwind vas at the vatter of Ila / ther the horſe men maid the onnſett on the fwttmen and hes releiwit the pwind and hes ſlane thre Athoill menn that ar alreddy ded and vther twa that ar ſupponit to be ded or the morne ſua ther ar fywe on that ſyid ſlainn / ther ar hwrt both vill nocht be the vorſe my Lord Grayis twa brethar / Gilbert and Andro vith his ſtewart that vill nocht leiw the arrow is ſtickand in his rig bak and can nocht be gottin owt as ȝit / of my Lord Humis ſeruand ther ar hwrt Jhone Bailȝe Villiam Dauidſone and vill nocht be the vorſe ·

employ me in this mater / bot alſua in gretar / quhairin ȝoure L / ſall find my effectionat and bent will and mynd to pleſure ȝoure L / to the utirmeſt / And gif I may owther be moyane or force try the gudis or the part quhair thai ar ȝoure L / ſalhaif ane gude proofe of my trauellis and diligence for ȝoure L / requeiſt / Tuicheing ȝour L / poſtſcript (that ȝour L / is the mair bauld to write to me becaus it is meanit the gudis ar cumin within my cuntrey) I aſſuir ȝoure L / that neither tennent or uther perſone depending upone me durſt be bauld to intromit with ony manis geir wranguſlie or recept the ſame privelie or oppinlie And ſpeciallie the gudis pertening to ony of ȝoure L / tennentis / ſeing I am baith detbund in gude will and freindſchip to ȝour L / as I ſalbe about to continew thairin at all my power And remitting the ſame to forder occaſioun I commit ȝour L / hartlie in the tuitioun of the Almichtie Frome Finlarg the thrid day of September 1591 ·

Ȝoure L / verray aſſuritlie at power
DUNCAN CAMPBELL of Glenvrquhay ·

To My Lorde
My Lord Erle of Mortoun ·

Sir Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy to the Earl of Morton ·

178 My Lorde eſtir my maiſt hartlie commendationis I have receavit ȝour L / letter and hes conſiderit the contentis thairof togidder with the repoirt of the beraris ȝoure L / ſervitouris that certane of the Larde of Marcheſtonis men duelland in thir boundis hes recept thair geir / Ȝoure L / knawis my mynd I beir to ȝour L / and ȝouris be my laſt letter And as ȝit without ony alteratioun of mynd I continew thairin bayth for ȝoure L / honour and furtherance of ȝoure tennentis Bot becaus I haue obtenit na certaintie or triall of the awaytakaris of ȝoure L / ſeruandis geir / I culd not for the preſent gif reſolvit anſuer to ȝour L / men bot ȝour L / ſalbe aſſurit I ſall not forȝet to uſe all diligence and triall I may / to obtene knawlege / ȝit

thair is ane thing quhilk tendis partlie to my diffavour and utherwyis to the greit hurt of the Inhabitantis of this cuntray / That lawland lardis hauand landis within thir boundis for ſmall proffit ſettis the ſamin to unlauchfull perſonis baith oppreſſouris of the liegis within the cuntray and outwith the ſame being ſornaris commone theiffis receptaris of thift and na wyis reſponſall to his Majeſteis lawis And quheneuir thai or ony of thairis committis ſik offences I as Magiſtrat of this cuntray beris the burdene / albeit ȝour L / knawis that everie man aucht to be anſuerabill for his tennentis according to the generall band / In the meintyme I ſall negleꝫ na tyme nor reſpeꝫ na band baith to furthure ȝour L / men and to obtene triall to ȝour L / contentment of thair geir / And remitting the reſt to forther occaſioun I commit ȝour L / in the tuitioun of the Almichtie Frome Finlarg the xvj day of September 1591 ·

Ȝoure L / verray aſſuritlie att all power

DUNCAN CAMPBELL of Glenurquhy ·

To My Lorde
My Lorde Erle of Mortoun ·

Declaratioun by the King and Privy Council anent the title of Earl of Morton given to John Lord Maxwell ·

Apud Drumfreis duodecimo die menſis Julij Anno Domini I^{m} V^{c} *Nonageſimo ſecundo* .

179 THE KINGIS MAJESTIE with adviſe of the Lordis of his Secrete Counſale Decernis and Declairis be thir preſentis That albeit Johnne Lord Maxwell be nominat and ſtyllit Erle of Mortoun in the lait aꝫ and ordinance of Secrete Counſale be the quhilk he wes conſtitute Wardane of the Weſt Marche of this Realme and in ſindrie utheris aꝫis and ordinanceis laitlie maid concerning the advancement of his hienes authoritie and ſervice ȝit the ſame nominatioun and ſtyle Sall nawayes hurte nor prejuge the Richtis and titlis quhilkis Williame Douglas erll of Mortoun

hes and preteindis to have as air of taillie to the erldome of Mortoun nor gif hupair him in honnour ſtyll dignitie preheminenceis and privilegeis quhilkis he hes and broikis or may have brouke and poſſes thairby nather in the Intromitting and vptaking of the mailles fermes and dewiteis appertening thairto bot that he ſall brouke and poſſes the ſaid erldome Intromett with the ſame mailles and dewiteis and enjoy quhatſumevir liberteis honnouris privilegeis preeminenceis digniteis and place in parliamentis generall conventiounis Secreit Counſale and utherwayes quhilkis he broukeit and poſſeſt befoir the Nominatioun and ſtyle gevin to the ſaid Johnne Lord Maxwell / expreſſit in the foirſaidis actis and ordinanceis Alffrelie as he uſit and enjoyit at ony tyme bigane preceding the date heirof Nochtwithſtanding the ſame actis and as giff thay had nevir bene maid nor grantit And forder that the lait Declaratioun and act maid be his Majeſtie in favouris of the ſaid Johnne Lord Maxwell nor na claus expreſſit thairin ſall on nawayes hurte nor prejuge the ſaid Williame Erll of Mortoun nor his ſaidis Richtis and titles to the ſaid Erldome privilegeis of Regalitie utheris privilegeis offices caſualiteis and digniteis quhilkis he broukis and poſſeſſis or may clame brouke and poſſes thairby Be IT alwayes underſtand that thir preſentis ſall nawayes hinder nor prejudge the foirſaidis perſonis of ony actioun quhilkis thay have or may have toucheing the deciſioun of aythir of thair rychtis and titles pretendit be thame to the ſaid erldome befoir the Jugeis competent thairto as accordis of the law ·

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

180 Richt traiſt couſing and counſallour We greit ȝow hartlye wele / heiring of the cuming ower and repair heir in thir pairtes of our declairit tratouris / for executioun of the reſt of thair treaſonable interpryſes aganis our perſoun and eſtate We haue heirby taiken occaſioun in verray ernift maner to deſyre ȝour addres toward ws with all poſſible ſpeid / accum-

panyit with ſic force and freindes in ſubſtantious maner as ȝe may haue vpoun the inſtant / And in the mean tyme that ȝe caus diligent tryell ſerche and inquiſitioun be maid / gif any of they our tratouris be preſentlie within thir pairtes / and the ſame be ſignifeit to ws and ȝou / with all ſpeid and diligence As ȝe will do ws verray ſpeciall and notable pleſure and ſeruice Thus repoſing in ȝour readines and gudwill heiranent We commit ȝow to God From Falkland the xxiiij of July 1592 ·

JAMES R ·

To our Richt traiſt couſing and counſallour
The erll of Mortoun ·

Mr William Scott to the Earl of Morton ?

181 My verie gude Lord efter my commendationis of ſervice Pleis my brother in law Mr Thomas Hammiltoun ȝoungar of Preiſtiffeild being preſentit be his Majeſtie to the place of Seſſioun quhilk waikis throw deceis of Mr Dauid Chalmer / for obſerving of the cuſtumat order he is preiſſit to purchaſe the ſtyle of ſum kirk leving and be aduyſe of freindis he hes delt with Mr Dauid Makgill advocat and hes obtenit his gude will of the Proueſtrie of Dalkeith quhilk being ane mater of verie ſmall proffitt nocht exceding xl merkis of ȝeirlie dewtie / the gentilman having gretar reſpect to the ſtyle than ony commoditie hes agreit with the advocat and wantis onlie the conſent of ȝour L / patrone of the ſaid benefice quhilk he deſiris eirniſtlie and wald have cum to ȝour Lo / to that effect if the neceſſitie of his preſens in ſeſſioun did not ſtay him / Thairfoir ſeing the mater is of ſmall conſequence I will eirniſtlie requeiſt ȝour L / to grant this favor to this gentill man and to ſubſcryve his gift ſeing it navyiſe prejugis ȝow of ony proffitt / and that he is habill be gude offices to acquyte that pleſure to ȝour L / contentment In quhais name I will promeis to ȝour L / that in all ȝour reſſonabill adois and cauſis he ſalbe ȝour L / gude freind and ſwa truſting in ȝour L / favor pleis ſub-

ſcryve this gift and ſend me the ſamin with this berar I commend ȝour L / to the ſpeciall protectioun of the Eternall From Edinburgh the aucht of October 1592 ·

ȝour L / awin man

Mr WILLIAME SCOT ·

The Earl of Angus to the Earl of Morton ·

182 My Lord and couſſin efter all hartlie commendatiouns I underſtand my Leving is arreſtit by ordour of lawe and becauſe now in the tyme of my truble it is propereſt ȝour Lo / ſuld tak ane doing for me I will requeſt ȝour L / to becum cautioune for my leving that it ſalbe anſuerable to the Kingis Majeſtie and all haifand entres thairto conforme to the lawes of the cuntray and for ȝour Lo / warand I bind and obliſſis me heirby to warrand and releif ȝour Lo / fra all perrell and ſkayth that ſall happin to fall furth theirthrow be this my band maid unto ȝour Lo / therupoun ſubſcrywit with my hand At the Caſtell of Edinburgh the ſecund of Februar 1592 ·

ȝour Lo / couſin at pouer

ANGUS ·

To my verray guid Lord and Couſſin
the Erll of Mortone ·

The King to the Earl of Mortoun ·

183 Rycht traiſt Couſing and Counſallour We greit ȝow weill / Seing we ar of deliberatioun to corſe the water upon fryday at morne / We have thocht meit to deſyre ȝow be thir preſentis to be heir the ſaid day weill accompanyet with the beſt affectit of ȝour freindis in feir of weir to accompany ws to the Queineſferrye be aucht houris in the morning ·

Whilk we doubt not bot ȝe will do as our hole treſt is in ȝow and We ſhall ever remain reddy to requyt ȝour gudwill at all occaſioun Sua committis ȝow to the protectioun of the Almichtye From Falkland the xviij of September 1593 ·

To our Richt traiſt Couſing and Counſallour
the Erle of Mortoun ·

Commiſſioun to ſerche ſeek and tak David Barclay of Strowie ·

184 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To all and ſindrie our liegis and ſubditis quhome it effeiris to quhais knaulege thir our letters ſall cum greting Forſamekle as it is wnderſtand to ws and Lordis of oure Secreit Counſale that upoun the xxiij day of September 1591 Dauid Barclay of Strowie wes ordourlie denunceit rebell and put to oure horne be vertew of oure utheris letteris raſed at the inſtance of Adam Young in Middilrig as fader with the brether and remanent kin and freindis of umquhile Henry Young and umquhile Williame Young his ſonis ffor his not compeirance ꝛc· To have underlyne the lawis for the ſchamefull and unworthie ſlauchter of the ſaidis umquhile Henry and Williame Youngis committit be the ſaid David upoun the aucht day of September the ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxxj ȝeiris As oure ſaidis utheris letteris ꝛc· beiris At the proces quhairof the ſaid David maiſt proudlie and contempnandlie remanis as ȝit unrelaxt takand na regaird of the ſaid horning Bot paſſis up and doun the cuntrey hantand kirkis mercattis and all utheris publict placeis of our realme and ſocietie of men as giff thay wer our free ſubjectis In hie and proud contemptioun of our auctoritie and lawis / and encouragement of utheris to committ the lyke ſchamefull and cruell ſlauchteris heirefter without remeid be providit Quhairfoir We have grantit full power and commiſſioun expres bidding and charge to our lovittis the Proveſt and bailȝeis of Edinburgh and Perth Shereffis of

Perth and Kynroſſchire Archibald Douglas George Douglas John Craufurd conjunctlie and ſeveralie To convocat our liegis in armes And to pas ſerche ſeik and tak the ſaid David quhairevir he may be apprehendit and to bring and preſent him befoir our Juſtice and his deputis to be puniſt for his demereitis conforme to the lawis of our realme ꝛc ꝛc Gevin under our ſignet and ſubſcryvit with our hand At Halierudhous the xij day of October and of our Reignne the xxvij ȝeir 1593 ·

JAMES R ·

THO · MR GLAMMIS ·

Ro · *Theſaurarius* ·

Advice of the Commiſſioners of the Kirk to the King ·

At Edinburgh the xvij day of October 1593 ·

185 The Commiſſioners of the Kirk / barones and burgeſſis being conuenit from diuers partis of this realme forſeing the preſent danger quhairinto the kirk of God within this realme the Kingis Majeſties eſtate and perſone and the haill commown weill ſtandis into thocht guid to giwe thair advyſe to his Majeſtie in maner following

1. Item imprimis becaus the Commiſſioneris ar informit that the excommunicate lordis are to be put to ane aſſyſe and conſidering quhat is the maner of this realme in ſick materis Howbeit thai will nocht deſyre his Majeſtie that they ſall nocht be putt to ane tryell at all / Ȝit humelie craiſis that thair tryell be nocht haiſtie nor at the day appointit Bot that it may be delayit vnto the tyme that all the profeſſoris of the goſpell be ryplie advyſit quhat is meit to be done in that matter And that becaus the haill profeſſoris of the goſpell ar myndit to be thair parteis and accuſeris in ther foul treaſounis As alſo in reſpect thai ar alreddie convict partlie throw breking of waird for crymes of treaſoun and partlie throw being fugitiwe from the lawis firſt in St Androis quhilk place they wer ſummondit to and ſpeciallie from the ſupreame ſeat of parliament ·

2. Item We traiſt that according to the lawis and lovable cuſtome of the cuntrei thir excommunicate and treſſonable apoſtatis ſeing thai ar accuſit of the hieſt treaſoun that ever wes hard tell of in this land may be committit in maiſt ſure ward / wiȝ / in the burghis of Edinburgh / Dundie / Striuiling / &c. / or as it ſalbe thocht meitt till ordour be takin with all the papiſtis of Scotland / of quhilk factioun thai ar the head and till the eſtaitis advyſe farder quhat maner of tryell ſalbe vſit aganis thame ·

3. Item We traiſt that quhen the eſtaitis efter dew and mature deliberatioun ſall putt the foirſaid tratouris to ane aſſyſe That the aſſyſſeris be nocht nominate at the optiown of the parteis to be accuſed bot to be nominate by the partie accuſeris to witt the haill profeſſouris of the goſpell And that according to the lovable cuſtom of this realme ·

Item it is craifit of his Majeſtie that the foirſaidis tratouris are excommunicat and by the juſt ſentence of the kirk cut of from the ſocietie of Chryſtis bodie that thai be nocht admittit to hawe onie perſoun in Judgement nor benefite of the law till thai be Joynit vnto Chryſt and reconcilit vnto his kirk And according to the lawis of the cuntrie and his Majeſties awin promeis ·

4. Item incace his Majeſtie will nocht alter the day (as we dout nocht bot he will) Then we traiſt that as his Majeſtie profeſſis religioun with ws and thai the contraire we that are the profeſſouris of religioun may be his Majeſties garde and admittit in the maiſt fenſible and warelyke maner to be about his Majeſtie To defend his perſoun from thair violence and to accuſe thame to the vttermaiſt Quhilk we ar myndit to do and it ſuld be with the los of all our lyfis in ane day for certainlie we are determinatt that the cuntrie ſall nocht bruik vs and thame bayth ſa lang as they ar Godis profeſſit enemeis ·

Sir John Carmychall to William Earl of Angus [1593 ?]

186 My Lord my humill commendationis being rememberit I reſſauit ȝour aduerteiſmentis fra my cowſing Wat and theiraftir ſpak with the King at

greit lenthe tuiching ȝour matteris quha at my earniſt ſute and deſyre and revaird for my ſeruice / hes becumit mair reſonabill nor ȝour deſert deſeruis / quhen noſtir and the wyfis huſband ſuld wraik as now ȝour l / knawis quhither men be of ȝour counſall or nocht / I haue brocht it to this poynt with the King that ȝour l / ſall nathir be in haſard of ȝour lyfe landis nor honouris gif ȝe will crave the Kingis mercy and grant ȝour offence quhilk he hes to lat ȝow ſe and ȝe can nocht deny I ſall mak all thir ſure / ſwa that the greitteſt danger ȝe can incur is to remane ane quhyle in waird quhill mattiris be ſettillit / being ſure / nathir ȝour lyfe landis nor honour be in danger My lord albeit ȝe eſtemit me ane enemy befoir I was ane freind and gave ȝow the beſt counſall albeit God wald nocht lecent ȝow to except it and thais that hes drawin ȝow on this / if ȝe and ȝour hous wraik thay haue bene the occaſioun of it · Gif the King had wraikit at this tyme / I had bene worthy to haue bene hangit quarterit and drawin / That I was the onely ſtay that ȝour heid and James Dowglaſs had nocht bene bayth tane at ȝour being in this toun the tyme of the parliament for we knew mattiris than as we do now bot nocht ſa cleirly / gif ȝour l / thinkis meit to except thir conditionis lat me be aduerteiſit and I ſall mak thame ſure anewche / gif ȝe think ȝe wilbe the man will wraik ȝour ſelf and ȝour hous I tak the greit God to vitnes I haue done mair for ȝour l / and gevin ȝow my counſall mair vprychtlie for ȝour ſtanding nor ony that is cumit of it or ony vaſſall ȝe haue / I haue ſend my cowſing Wat to ȝow to deill in thir mattiris quhom with ȝe may be plane / gif ȝe wryte ane anſuer to me wryte in ſic plane termes as the King may ſe it and gif ȝe ſend ony vthir ſecreittis ſend it be toung with ſic as ȝe think maiſt meit / ſwa for this preſent luiking to heir fra ȝow how far I may ſpeik in ȝour name I commit ȝour l / to Godis protectioune Edinburgh this ſettirday in the mornyng ·

Be ȝour l / to be commandit with ſeruice gif ȝe obey God
and the Kingis Majeſtie ·

CARMYCHALL ·

To the Richt honorable and my very gud lord
and maiſtir the erle of Angus gif this ·

Agnes Countefs of Morton to the Earl of Morton ·

187 It will ples zour Lo / that me Lord off Argyll is come heir to Dalkeith this fetterday in the nycht and his Lo / will be mareit this Sonday with zour dochter / therfoir I pray zour Lo / be nocht offendit for I will tak the baldnes on me to end that turne I man craff zour Lo / pardone for the fame and prayis zour Lo / nocht to be offendit at the fame this is wrettin in haift this fonday in the morneing nocht ellis bot committis zour Lo / to the protectioun of God ·

Be zour Lo / at hir power

AGNES COVNTES OF MORTTONE ·

To my Lord my Lord
Erll of Morttone ·

Agnes Countefs of Morton to the Earl of Morton ·

188 It will pleis zour Lo / the Quenes Majeftie will be ther this tyfday and her Majeftie lepenis that zour Lo / will come and convoy her that day therfoir I think it beft that zour Lo / dyne at x houris and be heir betuix ten and ane efternone I think me Lord Duke and the Abot of Londoris · · · · · · · fouper with zour L / on tyfday therfoir it is guid that zour Lo / command zour cowkis and ftewerttis to mak good cheir And nocht ellis bot committis zour Lo / to God ·

Zour Lo / at power

AGNES COVNTES OF MORTTONE ·

To my Lord my Lord
Erll of Morttone ·

William Lord Hereis to the Earl of Morton ·

189 My Lord efter rycht hartie commendationis Pleis ȝour L / I haiff refauit ȝour L / letter / quhairby ȝour L / ſhawis that the tenentis of Preſtoun hes bene at ȝour L / declairing that I haiff diſchargeit thame to anſuer ȝour L / of ther dewteis of ther landis · For anſuer therto / albeit my Lord my umquhill couſing the tyme of his deceis was in poſſeſſione of the uplifting of the maillis and dewties of that Laird of Preſtoun / Ȝit ſen his deceis I haiff nather commandit thame mak payment theroff to his ſone nather ȝit contramandit thame mak payment of the ſamin to ȝour Lo / For I am not myndeit to uſe courſſis contrair the law in ony ſorte / althocht as ȝour L / underſtandis honour and dewtie obleiſſis me to do for his bairnis · Sua leving to troubill ȝour L / forther for the preſent quhill uther occaſione I commit ȝour L / to Goddis protectioun Terreglis the ſext of May 1594 ·

Ȝour L / at power to command

HERYS ·

To the Rycht honorabill my verray guid Lord
my Lord the Erle of Mortoun ·

Warrant to retain John Alay and Rowie Beteis ·

REX ·

190 Williame erle Mortoun Lord Dalkeyth &c IT is our will and We command ȝow that for certane conſiderationis moving ws ȝe retene and keip Johne Alay and Rowie Beteis preſentlie in ȝour keping ſtill in firmance quher thai ar and delyver thame to na perſoun or perſonis nochtwithſtanding quhatſumevir letters or charges direct to ȝow to that effect quhill ȝe knaw farder of our mynd theranent As ȝe will anſuer to ws upoun ȝour obedience Subſcrivit with our hand At Dundie the day of Marche 1597 ·

James R.

Warrant to charge Adam Strudgeon and others ·

191 JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis To our louittis Johne Weir Meſſingeris our Shereffis in that part conjunctlie and ſeueralie ſpecialie conſtitute greting OURE WILL is and We charge you ſtraitlie and commandis That Incontinent thir our letters ſene ȝe pas and in our name and auctoritie Command and charge Adame Strudgeon James Strudgeon and all utheris havaris keiparis and detenaris of the houſe place and fortalice of Wraith pertening to our richt traiſt couſing and counſallour Williame erle of Mortoun To rander and deliver the ſame to Robert Somervile ſervitour to our ſaid couſing in his name / to be keipit be him to his behove and to remove thameſelffis and thair ſervandis furth thairof within ſex houris nixt efter thai be chairgit be ȝou thairto under the pane of treaſoun With certificatioun to thame and thay failȝie that the ſame pane ſalbe execute upone thame conforme to the lawes of our realme and actis of parliament ꝛc Gevin under our ſignett and Subſcrivit with our hand AT Drumfreis the ſext day of Aprile And of our Regnne the xxx ȝear 1597 ·

JAMES R ·

CARMICHAELL · NEWBOTLE · TRAKQUAIR ·

Daniel Archdeacon to the Earl of Morton ·

192 Right honorable / for as moch as yt hath pleaſed the Allmightie God to make me an inſtrument wherby I haue reuealed ſuch plotts and practiſes as Francys Moubray had intended againſt his Prince and the ſtate of this land / and that for want of other proofes I am not able to make his treaſons knowen to the worlde / I am conſtrained by force of armes to prooue him a traitor to his King and contrie and by the power of God to compell him to confeſs his faultes whereby my honeſt / true /

and faithefull ſeruice to his Maieſtie and to this ſtate may euidently appere which I dout not but I ſhall be able to bring to paſs being affiſted by the power of God / who is euer inclined to fauor and help the true and iuſt cauſe / and for as much as the triall of this matter is to be performed by a combat betwene Francys and me and the coſtome in ſuch caſe is that euerye on of the champions is to chooſe 2 Godfathers he being allreadie prouided for his parte / I haue thoght good to prouide me ſelf chooſing your Lordſhyp as a nobleman indued with true chriſtianitie louing your Prince an contrie / therefore I humblye requeſt your Lordſhyp to grante me the fauor as to grace me and affiſte me with your honorable preſence and be my godfather in ſo iuſt and ſo true a cauſe / thus your Lordſhyp ſhall bynde me exedinglye to your honorable kindenes · Wedenſday next being the 5th day of Januarie ſhall be the appointed for the combat / thus ceaſing to troble your Lordſhyp any forther with my moſt affectionate dutie I humbly take my leaue / From the caſtell of Edenbrough this 27 of December 1602 ·

Your Lordſhyps moſt humble and affectionat ſeruant ·

DANIEL ARCHEDEACON ·

To the right honorable the erle of Morton ·

Ludovick Duke of Lenox to the Earl of Morton ·

193 My veray guid Lord We being myndfull to ſettill ſum guid ordour with the miniſtrie of our kirkis of the pryorie of Sanctandrois and haveing appoyntit Wodneſday nixt to that affect We will heirfoir requeſt ȝour Lo / to ſubſcrywe this teſtificatioun of that quhilk ȝour Lo / geves to the Miniſter of Hadingtoun mair nor the dewtie of ȝour Lo / tak / that ȝour Lo / gevis of conſcience and guidwill the quhilk may helpe ws and do na hinder to ȝour Lo / becaus We haue agreit be the advyiſe of the ſaid miniſtrie that quhair thai hawe ony thing furth of the tua part We ſalbe releifit of als mekle of the third and Swa my Lord of Murray and Sir George Douglas dois the lyk

feit the kirk alreddie or quha ar not preſentlie under the diſcipline of the ſamin quhais havie ſin ſuppois We lament / ȝit we can not compleyne of thame to ȝour L / ſen they ar ſubject to diſcipline We fra our hartis do prayſe God for your L / gude affectioun alwayis / quhilk alſo witnis in this ȝour L / cair to have ſin puneiſt that God may be glorifeit Viſſing that we might have the lyk experience of all the nobilitie of this land / Earneſtlie beſeiking ȝour L / alſo to have regard of the miſerabill eſtait of that people quha ſua lang hes bene and ȝit ar deſtitut of the comfort of the ghoſpel That ȝour L / will for the glorie of God forſie ſum gude meyne quherby that kirk may be plantit / quherin quhen the prince of paſtouris ſall appeir ȝour L / ſall find that it wes ane gude work done to his glorie · The Lord preſerve ȝour L / alwayes Subſcrivit be our Moderator In our name At Linlythqw the 2 day of Februar 1604 ·

Ȝour L / at all humbill ſeruice in the Lord

The brethren of the Preſbiterie of Linlithqw and in our name

To the Rycht nobill and potent Erle My Lord Erle of Mortoun &c· R· CORNWALL Moderator ·

The King to the Earl of Morton ·

196 Right truſtye and weilbeloued couſeing We greitt you weill / Vpoun ſum ſpeciall occaſionis of our ſervice haveing thoght your repaireing hither to be requiſite / We ar thairfoir to will and deſyre you vpoun the reſſaite of this our letter with all convenient ſpeid to addreſs your ſelf hither to the effect you may be certified of our forder pleaſure and will in ſuche thingis as We ſall Impairt to you at your cumming / wherein ye ſall do ws acceptable ſervice And ſo We bid you fair weill From our courte at Whitehall the ſevint of Januarye 1607 ·

To our right truſty and right welbeloued coſen the Earle of Mortoun giue theſe ·

James R.

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